



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Registered Office: Redditch Wheels Project 8 Church Green East Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 8BP.

Skatepark Site: Redditch Skatepark, Arrow Valley Country Park South, Off Icknield Street Drive, Redditch, Worcestershire, B98 0DD.

Company limited by guarantee number: 04064599

Registered charity number: 1087777

DIRECTORS

The directors who are also trustees of the charity shown below have held office during the whole of the period from 1 October 2020 to the date of this report.

S. D. Rooke: Chair

D. Cantelo: Treasurer

B Thombs: Secretary

K Fitzgerald Children and Young People

R Scriven Capital Developments

DIRECTORS' SALARIES

Director and Trustee, Stephen Donald Rooke was paid £10,368 during the year. This was separate paid employment as a Project Development Manager to his role as Director and Trustee which is unpaid. This is in accordance with the power given to do so under clause 4(t) and (u) of the Memorandum and Articles of Association.

GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document and constitutes a company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are voted for and recommended by its members at the AGM. There were two additional trustees making a total of five who held office.

BACKGROUND

The organisation was initially set up unincorporated to assist young people who were having difficulty engaging with the council and youth agencies in a bid to create a skatepark for Redditch in 1995. The organisation brought together hundreds of young people after it rebuilt the old Redditch BMX Track into one of the UK's top freestyle dirt jumping parks which helped raise the profile and demonstrate demand for a purpose built Skatepark. In the year 2000 the Skatepark came into fruition after a relentless high-profile campaign which saw the organisation working in partnership with Redditch Borough Council. Redditch Skatepark is recognised as the largest outdoor supervised skatepark in the UK that makes a local impact on the lives of young people. Redditch Wheels Project became a company limited by guarantee and took on the skatepark with a land management agreement with Redditch Borough Council in 2000 and 2001 became a registered charity.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The charity is established to provide or assist in the provision of recreational facilities in or near Redditch, Worcestershire for young people with the object of improving their conditions of life and in particular to provide such persons skateboarding, BMX, Inline Skating, Roller Skating, Mountain Biking and other leisure time activities involving wheels. The charity manages Redditch Skatepark and utilises this to carry out the work of the charity.

We utilise this positive youth sports culture to improve young people's conditions of life by introducing them into the skatepark lifestyle. Since Redditch Skateparks opening in 2000 was a considerable reduction in antisocial behaviour in the local area recognised by local councillors and the Office of National Statistics. At Redditch Skatepark young people focus their energies on overcoming their fear, gaining amazing riding skills, developing a high level of fitness, increasing their confidence and making new friends. All this can be carried with them throughout their lives helping them to lead a motivated, fulfilled and healthy lifestyle by being involved in something they enjoy. Young people involved in the Skatepark have gone on to become respected riders; sport related industry and media professionals as well as contributing to the charity by being involved in volunteering, events and ramp development projects, all contributing to a fuller social benefit.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The trustees have in place the necessary policies and procedures for the operation of the skatepark and meet at least four times a year to oversee policy and finance matters. The dependence of the Skatepark upon the weather and the continual maintenance of an outdoor wooden Skatepark to meet health and safety requirements has been identified as the major risk to its long-term sustainability. The trustees are working on ways to address this which has included a new proposed street course section and continuous development of the facility.

Meetings

There were seven board meetings held by Zoom.

Bye Laws

Bye laws added by powers given under Articles of Association (67) (a) (b) agreed on 1st March 2021: The minimum number of meeting's will be four per annum. There is at least one face-to-face meeting of all the directors each year where reasonably practicable. A meeting may be held by suitable electronic means agreed by the directors in which each participant may communicate with all the other participants.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Operation

Covid19

Government guidance was adhered to. The pandemic effected of the availability and increased the cost of timber. It took time to source timber at the best price we could which led to the repairs and modifications completed later than anticipated and the Skatepark reopening later in May.

Opening

In October 2020 the Skatepark was to open weekends only due to the night's drawing in. The Skatepark was only open four days this month as all other weekends weather conditions did not allow opening. The Skatepark was announced it will be closed for the winter season 5th November 2020.

After a successful volunteering day on Saturday 29th May the Skatepark reopened on Sunday 30th May.

The opening hours were 5pm to 9pm Monday to Friday term time, Saturday, Sunday we're 12 noon up to 7pm and School Holidays opening times were 5pm up to 9pm weather and light conditions permitting. The opening times over the summer holidays were meant to be from 12 noon to 9pm but recruitment of a temporary Skatepark Supervisor took longer than anticipated and soon after starting caught Covid which led the Skatepark having to open later in the day from 6pm for most of the summer holidays.

From 29th May to 30th September 2021 the Skatepark was open 95 out of 120 days. The reasons it was closed was due to poor weather conditions and one day due to unavailability of staff. The Skatepark went to weekend opening due to light restrictions after 26th September 2021.

Users are given a free day pass if the session is rained off within an hour.

Weather conditions have an impact on the operation and attendance, poor weather and when it's too hot sees a decrease while dry weather at a moderate to warm temperature sees an increase in participation.

Staffing

There are currently three paid members of staff, two Skatepark Supervisors and a Project Development Manager. There is currently one official volunteer staff support with First Aid. Park users will often lend a hand when it comes to generally helping out such as cleaning and maintenance. All staff and volunteers are DBS checked, completed a Safeguarding in Sport online course by the NSPCC and first aid trained. There was one first aid course held this year for new starters and for those who needed to renew their first aid. Further training and development courses are encouraged to all staff, volunteers and board members.

Statistics

All members under 25 years total 148, Total Male 130, Total Female 18, Worcestershire specific members 113, Redditch members 0 to 25 68

Total season attendance 213

Sport / activity specific

BMX 61, Stunt Scooter 27, Skateboard 8, Mountain Bike 5, Other skates 10, More than one 23, Not given info 79

Partnership working

We continued a good relationship with Redditch Borough Council where we operate the Skatepark under the lease and being a delivery partner for the townwide Positive Activities Project.

We continued to be involved in joint working with the Bromsgrove Youth and Community Hub and Redditch Borough Councils Sports Development Team to assist in youth sessions on a Thursday 5:30 to 7pm. We provided two staff members to assist in providing BMX, Stunt Scooting and Skateboarding sessions as part of the wider activities on offer. We provided BMX Bikes, Scooters and Skateboards while the Hub provided small ramps. This took place at a multi-story car park in Bromsgrove Town Centre with an established youth group.

We worked with Brook Farm Residential Care Home which is part of the Key's Group who regularly bring three young people to the Skatepark. The young people attend with support workers and take advantage of the BMX Bike's, Stunt Scooters and safety equipment. Skatepark staff have been working with the young people providing informal one to one sessions developing their BMX Skills. In doing so the young people have progressed their skills which has included developing their social skills as they work with one another to develop their tricks and lines around the Skatepark.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objectives of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for a particular restricted purpose.

The Charity utilises a variety of funding which includes grants for revenue, capital, contract funding and sales. We aim to keep entry prices low. Entry fees cannot be relied upon as a major source of income because of the weather and the expectation to keep entry fees low. £1,246.67 was generated from sales at the Skatepark (not including contract funding). This year a new 12-year lease was signed with Redditch Borough Council and under the new lease we have to pay for all repairs to ramps ourselves. As there were no events this financial year the event expenditure was zero.

A surplus of £8,989 was made by the charity showing a healthy balance sheet.

There were £16,052 unrestricted reserves. We can reassure staff, funders, and beneficiaries while the future is uncertain, the charity's leadership is actively working to maintain long-term financial resilience. The unrestricted reserves will be kept for uncertainties and emergencies should they arise. Redditch Wheels Project since the new lease was in place is now responsible for all major repairs, prior to this it was Redditch Borough Council.

£12,374 in restricted reserves is for the capital match funding towards the Sport England Grant for the new developments.

FUNDRAISING

Redditch Community Lottery

Redditch Wheels Project would like to say thank you to our supported from the Redditch Community Lottery who raised £46.

Grants received and approved

During the year Redditch Wheels Project received and was approved grants. The board would like to thank our supporters for this financial year especially for their understanding the difficult situation we have faced due to Covid.

We would like to say thanks to The Grimmit Trust: £2,000 towards staffing costs, Worcestershire Community Foundation Made by Sport Clubs in Crisis Covid support £2,000 towards core activities.

We would like to say thank you to Redditch Borough Council and their second payment £2,500 towards the 2020 Vision was paid in this financial year.

Sport England: £21,000 has been approved on condition a new lease for the Skatepark in place to take the place of the existing Land Management Agreement. The new 12 year lease is place and Sport England has given the go ahead to start the project. This will be to renew a street course area which will cover one third of the Skatepark. Sport England have been understanding of the time it is taken to negotiate the lease. £2,321 has been paid in legal fees from the restricted reserves which has now left a balance of £12,374 toward the match funding of the project.

A total of £20,098 Covid Government Support Grants were paid by Redditch Bough Council.

Contract funding: Positive Activities

This funding was towards staffing and running costs to provide a variety of affordable and accessible youth provision. This includes sports, arts and skatepark activities across a Redditch Consortium funded by Worcestershire Children First who commissioned Redditch Borough Council as the lead partner of the consortium that includes local sector YMCA, Your Ideas, What's Your Point, RYCE and Batchley Support Group and Redditch Wheels Project.

£10,163 was allocated to Redditch Wheels Project from Redditch Borough Council the fund holder. £3,388 of this funding was paid into this financial year from the 2020 Positive Activities summer season.

Supporters

The charity would also like to thank Crucial BMX, Dormer Plant Hire, ISG, Arnold Laver, Speedy Hire, Bryson Products, HSS Hire, Your Ideas Youth and Community organisation for supporting us in kind with room hire, reduced rate materials, equipment, timber, tool donations, plant machinery, tool hire and PPE.

A thank you to Warwickshire and West Mercia Community Rehabilitation Company Community Payback for the excellent work cutting the grass on the peripheral of the Skatepark.

Rateable value and Business Rates

An application was made for a rateable value for the Skatepark to the Valuation Office and Redditch Borough Council. The rateable value of Redditch Skatepark is £2,000 per year. As a Charity we were immediately entitled to 80% mandatory relief and a further successful discretionary relief of 20% was applied for giving 100% relief from business rates.

Health and Safety

Redditch Wheels Project is responsible for all safety inspections under the terms of the new lease. However, repairs are continuous because the age of the ramps, they are wood and outdoors. A daily pre-opening safety inspection is always carried out and our team of staff and volunteers carry out supervision and maintenance at the skatepark. The Skatepark was maintained to a high standard that included resurfacing, structure repairs and demolition and reconstruction of new ramps which included a new jump box

Risk assessments are reviewed annually. In line with our insurers requirements the wearing of helmets is only compulsory for under 16s. The use of helmets is strongly recommended though for 16s and over. This is in line with most other supervised Skateparks.

Events

There were no events this financial year due to the risk of cancelation due to Covid.

Equipment for hire

As well ensuring an adequate supply of helmets for free use the Charity continues to make BMX bikes available for hire at low cost to encourage new participants. Four new BMX bikes, helmets and pad sets were purchased.

FUTURE PLANS:

An upgrade of one quarter of the skatepark is planned which will see the aged mini street area replaced.

A 12-year lease was signed on 5th March 2021 with Redditch Borough Council enabling us to meet the requirement of the Sport England Bid of £21,000 for it be released and the build allowed to commence. The lease also allows for more growth and development of the facility.

The new build will also address current maintenance issues in other areas that will include other areas upgraded. The project offers to provide facilities that have a better balance of wheeled sports participants such as BMX Freestyle, Skateboarding, Inline Skating and Stunt Scootering. A design was been worked through with feedback and input from young people. Before the build commences the design will be finalised.

The Olympics brought the sports of BMX Freestyle and Skateboarding to the world stage in 2021. Team GB's Charlotte Worthington won gold in the female BMX Park and Declan Brooks won Bronze in Men's BMX Park while Sky Brown took Bronze in female Skateboarding. These athletes made front page news and featured on television screens internationally inspiring young people to take up these sports.

British Cycling has announced plans to grow BMX freestyle following Team GB's success at the Tokyo Olympics. The organisation has said they will work with the existing BMX freestyle infrastructure in the country to create a national competition structure from 2022 and invest in facilities. That year is also marked for introducing an inclusive talent pathway through talent development centres linked to BMX facilities.

In the long term the charity has a vision to transform Redditch Skatepark into a wheel's sports hub of international standard right in the centre of the country with great transport links. We realise Skateparks are commonplace, and we want to bring more wheel's sports to the venue. We would like to enhance the customer experience by including a café, Bike and Skate shop, sports specific gym and play area to attract the community to the venue. We have met with consultants and have the support of Redditch Borough Council to take our vision forward.

We have medium term plans to develop a set of freestyle dirt trail jumps within the facility, a new graffiti art mural and to paint the ramps. We will be developing social areas for users of the Skatepark and a pop-up shop for refreshments and new signage.

Work is ongoing to develop the branding of the charity which will include a new website and continue to ensure we are in a sound financial place.

Accountants

Charles Lovell & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
8 Church Green East
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8BP

Solicitors

HCB Solicitors Ltd,
679 Warwick Road,
Solihull
West Midlands
B91 3DA

Bankers

Barclays
Unit 26-28 Evesham Walk
Kingfisher Shopping Centre
Redditch
Worcestershire
B97 4EX

Insurance

Town & Country Insurance Services
16 East Street
South Molton
Devon
EX36 3BU

Approved by the board of directors on 26th January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



S. D. Rooke - Director

REGISTERED NUMBER: 04064599 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1087777 (England and Wales)

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Charles Lovell & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
8 Church Green East
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8BP

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

CONTENTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For The Year Ended 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	Page
Income Statement	1
Balance Sheet	2
Report of the Accountants	4
Detailed Income and Expenditure Account	5

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

INCOME STATEMENT

For The Year Ended 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	30.9.21	30.9.20
	£	£
TURNOVER	9,140	4,831
Other income	28,935	15,160
Staff costs	(18,536)	(14,488)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(264)	-
Other charges	(10,286)	(6,805)
Taxation	-	-
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	8,989	(1,302)

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT (REGISTERED NUMBER: 04064599)

BALANCE SHEET
30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	30.9.21		30.9.20	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		1,779		-
CURRENT ASSETS	29,471		22,288	
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,824)</u>		<u>(2,851)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>26,647</u>		<u>19,437</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>28,426</u>		<u>19,437</u>
RESERVES		<u>28,426</u>		<u>19,437</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Redditch Wheels Project is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address are as below:

Registered number: 04064599

Registered office: 8 Church Green East
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8BP

2. AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2020 - 3).

3. RESERVES

Included in the reserves of £28,426 is £12,374 that are restricted funds.

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT (REGISTERED NUMBER: 04064599)

BALANCE SHEET - continued
30 SEPTEMBER 2021

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 26 January 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



S. D. Rooke - Director

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

REPORT OF THE ACCOUNTANTS TO THE DIRECTORS OF
REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

As described on the Balance Sheet you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2021 set out on pages one to three and you consider that the company is exempt from an audit.

In accordance with your instructions, we have compiled these unaudited financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and information and explanations supplied to us.

Charles Lovell & Co Limited
Chartered Certified Accountants
and Statutory Auditors
8 Church Green East
Redditch
Worcestershire
B98 8BP

26 January 2022

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT For The Year Ended 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

	30.9.21		30.9.20	
	£	£	£	£
Sales		9,140		4,831
Other income				
Lottery fundraising	46		82	
Grants received	28,873		14,540	
Donations	-		500	
Deposit account interest	16		38	
	<u>28,935</u>		<u>15,160</u>	
		38,075		19,991
Expenditure				
Insurance	2,257		2,759	
Directors' salaries	10,368		10,368	
Wages and NIC	8,119		4,096	
Pensions	49		24	
Telephone	258		261	
Printing and stationery	42		120	
Motor expenses	7		6	
Maintenance	2,246		1,312	
Sundry expenses	1,425		828	
Accountancy	1,452		1,320	
Legal and professional	2,321		-	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets				
Plant and machinery	264		-	
	<u>28,808</u>		<u>21,094</u>	
		9,267		(1,103)
Finance costs				
Bank charges		278		199
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		<u>8,989</u>		<u>(1,302)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements

