



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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 2019 to the date of this report.

S. D. Rooke: Chair

D. Cantelo: Treasurer

B Thombs: Secretary

K Fitzgerald

R Scriven

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.

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 continue to work on ways to address this which has included a new proposed street course section and continuous development of the facility.

Meetings

There were six board meetings held by Zoom.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Operation

Opening

In October 2021 the Skatepark was to open weekends only due to the night's drawing in. The Skatepark was only open six 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 12th December 2021.

After a successful volunteering day on Saturday 23rd April 2022 the Skatepark reopened.

The opening hours were 6pm to 9pm Monday to Friday term time, Saturday, Sunday we're 12 noon up to 7pm and School Holidays opening times were 12noon up to 9pm weather and light conditions permitting.

From 1st October 2021 the Skatepark only opened a total of nine days shutting down for the winter season on 12th December 2021. The Skatepark reopened on 23rd April to 30th September 2022 for the new season. The Skatepark was open 130 out of 157 days (1st October – 12th December, 23rd April to 30th September). The reasons it was closed was due to poor weather conditions which included rain, snow, ice, heat and one day due to staff unavailability and one day to mark the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II.

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.

Areas of the Skatepark were cordoned off as they are due to be repaired and rebuilt. This has included the spine ramp as we are getting ready for a major rebuild.

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.

Supporting young people employability

We worked with Jobcentre Plus have supported one young person through the government's Kickstart scheme via Herefordshire & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce as the gateway provider. The young person has gained skills, attended courses, and gained qualifications which included first aid and safeguarding. We also employed a second young person although not on the Kickstart Scheme who also attended a Skateboard GB Coaching programme and became our first qualified coach.

Publicity

Redditch Wheels Project now has a new website in place thank to the kind support of Pineapple who have also helped us out with branding and logos for the charity.

We have a good social media presence with our Facebook page having over 5,500 likes. We also have Instagram growing with over 500 followings and a twitter page.

We featured in the Redditch Standard with the Commonwealth Games Baton Relay at the wheels site and celebrating and our success with fundraising with the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund to provide free summer holiday activities for Redditch young people under 19 years and also the Redditch Positive Activities extra funding for the Redditch Consortium.

Statistics

Participation and Activities

Young people have been able to access BMX Bikes Stunt Scooters and safety gear which has been helpful for young people to overcome the barrier to participation. This has all been for free to all Redditch members.

All members under 25 years, Redditch Members 40, West Midlands area 33, Worcestershire 28, Warwickshire 20, Wider National 5

126 members total of which identify 114 identify as male and 12 identify as female.

Total season attendance – 227

Sport / activity specific

BMX – 71, Stunt Scooter – 101, Skateboard – 9, Mountain Bike – 3, Other – 3, this included those that had given more than one activity they participate in.

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. £1,352 was generated from sales at the Skatepark (not including contract funding). Under the new lease with Redditch Borough Council we have to pay for all repairs to ramps ourselves. As there were no events this financial year the event expenditure was zero.

A net surplus of £4,163 was made by the charity showing a healthy balance sheet.

There were £32,469 reserves of which is £17,688 unrestricted reserves. We can reassure staff, funders, and beneficiaries that, 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. such as sudden major emergency repairs, long term closure due to bad weather and to be ready for future developments.

£17,688 in restricted reserves is for the capital match funding towards the Sport England Grant and towards developments which include improvements to the Skatepark and a new dirt jumping area.

VAT Registration

Redditch Wheels Project became voluntary VAT registered from 1st April 2022.

FUNDRAISING

Redditch Community Lottery

Redditch Wheels Project would like to thank our supporters who raised £39.

Grants Received

During the financial year Redditch Wheels Project received the following grants. We would like to kindly thank all our funders for their kind generosity and support.

- £3,504 Herefordshire and Worcestershire Sports Partnership Together Fund Tackling Inequalities Fund
- £4,950 Sport England's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund
- £3,000 Grimmit Trust towards running and staffing.
- £3,000 The Grantham Yorke Trust towards running and staffing costs.
- £8,200 Worcestershire County Councillors Discretionary fund towards dirt jumps and Skatepark improvements.
- £5,500 Redditch Borough Council Major Grants Project costs for future developments
- £5,549 Hereford & Worcestershire Chamber of Commerce Gateway for government Kickstart Scheme.

Sport England: £21,000 has been approved on condition a new lease for the Skatepark now in place to taking the place of the existing Land Management Agreement. With the new lease in place 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 and the delays over Covid. The current setback however has been the huge increase in timber prices, availability pre covid and shortage of birch plywood due to trade embargos on Russia where birch ply is produced and exported.

Contract Funding: Positive Activities

This funding was towards staffing and running costs to provide a variety of affordable and accessible youth provision intended to help divert young people from taking part in criminal activity or antisocial behaviour. This includes sports, arts and skatepark activities across a Redditch Consortium funded by Worcestershire County Council who commissioned Redditch Borough Council as the lead partner. The funding currently helps to support VCS groups

across the borough, such as Your Ideas, What's Your Point, RYCE, YMCA, PAZ (Arrow Vale Academy), UP Foundation, Redditch Self Defence and Wheels Project (Skate Park) to deliver activities and youth groups.

£6,862 was allocated to Redditch Wheels Project from Redditch Borough Council the fund holder.

In kind support

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

We would like to thank Pineapple for supporting us with our new website development and branding.

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

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.

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 insurance guidelines and most other supervised Skateparks.

Events

Redditch School Games

Redditch hosted the school games of 2022 at Redditch Skatepark on 15th July. Pupils from five middle schools around the town participated. This was the first School Games to be ever held at a Skatepark. Pupils enjoyed the day by participating using both the hire equipment and their own. This encouraged young people to come back to the Skatepark at other times and become new participants.

Commonwealth Games Baton Relay

The Commonwealth Games Baton Relay came to Redditch BMX Track and the theme for Redditch was wheels. This was because the original BMX Track that was the UK's first in 1980, The Redditch Wheels Project Skatepark and the BMX Track next door also Redditch during the 20th century, Redditch was home to the famous cycle and motorcycle manufacturer Royal Enfield.

Steve Rooke was nominated to carry the Commonwealth Games Baton by Redditch Borough Council for his work with young people. Steve rode a lap around the BMX Track followed by young people on their BMX bikes where it was then passed on to another Baton Bearer who transported the Baton to the Arrow Valley Lake on a retro motorised Royal Enfield cycle.

Equipment for Hire

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

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 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 additional 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. We are also exploring a community café facility.

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Approved by the board of directors on 26th June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



S. D. Rooke – Director

Date 26th June 2023

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

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	30.9.22 £	30.9.21 £
TURNOVER	8,681	9,140
Other income	33,743	28,935
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(1,352)	-
Staff costs	(27,172)	(18,536)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(667)	(264)
Other charges	(9,190)	(10,286)
Taxation	-	-
SURPLUS	<u>4,043</u>	<u>8,989</u>

BALANCE SHEET
30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	30.9.22	30.9.21
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	1,622	1,779
CURRENT ASSETS	33,704	29,471
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(2,857)</u>	<u>(2,824)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>30,847</u>	<u>26,647</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>32,469</u>	<u>28,426</u>
RESERVES	<u>32,469</u>	<u>28,426</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
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2. **AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES**

The average number of employees during the year was 5 (2021 - 3).

3. **RESERVES**

Included in the reserves of £32,469 is £17,688 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 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- 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.

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 June 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. D. Rooke', written in a cursive style.

S. D. Rooke - Director

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Redditch Wheels Project ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act')

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

John T Harris FCCA
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26 June 2023

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

	30.9.22		30.9.21	
	£	£	£	£
Sales		8,681		9,140
Cost of sales				
Purchases		<u>1,352</u>		<u>-</u>
GROSS SURPLUS		7,329		9,140
Other income				
Lottery fundraising	39		46	
Grants received	33,703		28,873	
Deposit account interest	<u>1</u>		<u>16</u>	
		33,743		<u>28,935</u>
		41,072		38,075
Expenditure				
Insurance	1,093		2,257	
Directors' salaries	10,470		10,368	
Wages and NIC	16,686		8,119	
Pensions	16		49	
Telephone	249		258	
Printing and stationery	120		42	
Travelling expenses	94		-	
Motor expenses	-		7	
Maintenance	2,491		2,246	
Sundry expenses	988		1,425	
Accountancy	1,470		1,452	
Legal and professional	2,345		2,321	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets				
Plant and machinery	511		264	
Computer equipment	<u>156</u>		<u>-</u>	
		36,689		<u>28,808</u>
		4,383		9,267
Finance costs				
Bank charges	325		278	
Interest payable	<u>15</u>		<u>-</u>	
		340		<u>278</u>
NET SURPLUS		4,043		<u><u>8,989</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements