



REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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 2023 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 £10,572 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.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Major Refurbishment

The Skatepark is undergoing its largest refurbishment in its 24-year history which is seeing the transformation of almost one third of the Skatepark into a progressive ramp area. We have listened to the views of the young people who use the Skatepark to influence the design and requirements for the new build. The development has had to wait until material prices had dropped post Covid to fit in with budgets for the build. The development includes a 32ft wide Spine ramp lowered down to 5ft and a street course area that is raised off the floor as one large unit of ramp courses which will now bring a better balance of wheeled sports participants such as Skateboarding, Inline Skating and Stunt Scootering by increasing the participation adding to the high numbers of BMX Freestyle. The Skatepark closed 15th October 2023 for the winter season and work had commenced in late winter. Because of the safety and storage requirements we had to close the Skatepark to complete the work. We were able to save on capital cost as we were kindly supported by social responsibility of timber and material suppliers and the whole development is being built by our volunteers. This has included desolation of all the old ramps. We have also been helped by Translift Bendi Forklift Solutions of Redditch and Redditch Skip Hire who have offered their services for free to help us. However, the users were still able to enjoy a newly built Pump Track.

New Pump Track Facility

The new Redditch Pump Track started construction in January 2024 and was open by April 2024. The Pump Track is a large open access facility sitting outside the Skatepark between the Skatepark and BMX Track arena. The pump track is a circuit of rollers, banked turns, and other features designed to be ridden by generating momentum through body movements, specifically "pumping," rather than pedalling or pushing. The Pump Track is for various wheeled activities, including BMX & Mountain bikes, scooters, skateboards, and even wheelchairs. We have welcomed this facility that is a fantastic addition to the area. The Pump Track has been funded by Redditch Borough Council and built by Clark & Kent Contactors who have built many Pump and BMX Tracks worldwide including Olympic facilities. Young people can access this also while the Skatepark is under reconstruction. This is an all-year-round facility, and we are planning events and projects at the Pump Track. This has boosted participation in the area.

Outreach Event

Redditch Wheels Project held outreach taster sessions at Abbey Stadium Sports Centre on 24th May for 48 boys (ages 13–15) from six North Worcestershire high schools in partnership with All Active Academy CIC, Redditch Police, Rubicon Leisure Activities included BMX Freestyle and Stunt Scooter sessions, boot camp, five-a-side football, and an anti-violence talk. The event targeted young people at risk due to low achievement, wellbeing issues, or potential involvement in crime. Participants had access to quality BMX bikes, scooters, and safety gear, and received information about future opportunities at Redditch Skatepark and Pump Track. Feedback was positive, with increased interest in attending the facilities.

Staffing

Skatepark Supervisors staff the Skatepark and a Project Development Manager. Volunteers assist with 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. Much of the staff work has been in refurbishing the Skatepark.

Publicity

Redditch Wheels Project has a website, a good social media presence with our Facebook page having over 5,800 likes. We also have Instagram growing with over 900 followings and a twitter page. This enabled us to give regular updates about opening, weather conditions, events and news updates. Our social media has received very positive response regarding the new build. We also had a drone fly though and edit of the new build thanks to Lowry Driography which was a hit and received a positive response and has showcased the new build in progress.

Membership

We have a membership of those aged 1 to 25 years of 358. Of this 358 live within the Borough of Redditch. We have 115 members from outside the area this includes members from Worcestershire, West Midlands, Shropshire and Warwickshire. Bedfordshire, Bristol, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Leicestershire and Oxfordshire. Of this we have 47 female, 309 male and two preferred not to say. Sport and activity specific we have Stunt Scooter 169. BMX Freestyle 120, Other Wheels Activity 23, Skateboarding 21, Spectator 11, Mountain Biking 11, Inline Skating 2 and Quad Skates 1.

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, projects & 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 as higher entry fees have been identified as a barrier to participation.

There was an expected deficit which was 17,802 as restricted reserves from grant funding were used to purchase materials for the new build. Cost of raw materials and consumables was 32,112.

VAT Registration

Redditch Wheels Project is voluntary VAT registered.

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 discretionary relief of 20% was applied for giving 100% relief from business rates.

In kind support – Appreciation and thanks

The charity would also like to thank Crucial BMX, Skate Hut, 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. Translift Bendi Forklift Solutions of Redditch to provide a driver and truck to offload timber and Redditch Skip Hire for free skips to help us remove scrap from the demolished ramps. This has been a fantastic help over the year especially with the new build. Lowry Droneography. And of course, our volunteers who dedicate their time to staffing, maintenance and the rebuilding of the Skatepark.

We have maintained a fantastic relationship with Redditch Borough Council, council officers and members and value their support over the years since 1995.

We would like to thank Pineapple for supporting us with our 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.

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. While the new build is taking place the Skatepark has had to be isolated as a construction site. The new build is addressing old worn-out ramps and the wider maintenance of the Skatepark.

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. .

FUTURE PLANS:

A 12-year lease was signed on 5th March 2021. The lease also allows for more growth and development of the facility.

The Olympics brought the sports of BMX Freestyle and Skateboarding to the world stage again in 2024 with Kieran Reilly of Great Britain achieving a silver medal in the Men's Park and Sky Brown winning a bronze medal in the Women's Park.

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 of continuing development of the ramp park courses and to develop a set of freestyle dirt jumps within the facility. 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.

Accountants

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Chartered Certified Accountants and Statutory Auditors

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Approved by the board of directors on 18th March 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



S. D. Rooke – Director

Date 24th June 2025

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

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	30.9.24 £	30.9.23 £
TURNOVER	494	4,225
Other income	43,666	31,609
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(32,112)	(7,947)
Staff costs	(17,326)	(17,527)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(952)	(769)
Other charges	(11,572)	(10,872)
Taxation	-	-
DEFICIT	<u>(17,802)</u>	<u>(1,281)</u>

BALANCE SHEET
30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	30.9.24		30.9.23	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		819		1,604
CURRENT ASSETS	13,719		31,387	
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year	<u>(1,152)</u>		<u>(1,803)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>12,567</u>		<u>29,584</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>13,386</u>		<u>31,188</u>
RESERVES		<u>13,386</u>		<u>31,188</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 2 (2023 - 6).

3. RESERVES

Restricted reserves are £9,579 in the year

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 September 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2024 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 24 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. D. Rooke', is enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

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 2024.

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.

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24 June 2025

REDDITCH WHEELS PROJECT

DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

	30.9.24		30.9.23	
	£	£	£	£
Sales		494		4,225
Cost of sales				
Purchases		<u>32,112</u>		<u>7,947</u>
GROSS DEFICIT		(31,618)		(3,722)
Other income				
Lottery fundraising	52		52	
Grants received	43,500		31,470	
Deposit account interest	<u>114</u>		<u>87</u>	
		<u>43,666</u>		<u>31,609</u>
		12,048		27,887
Expenditure				
Insurance	2,346		1,935	
Directors' salaries	10,572		10,572	
Wages and NIC	6,538		6,955	
Social security	216		-	
Telephone	312		415	
Printing and stationery	35		82	
Travelling expenses	-		124	
Maintenance	363		505	
Sundry expenses	1,088		1,038	
Accountancy	1,250		1,480	
Legal and professional	2,000		4,962	
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets				
Plant and machinery	532		511	
Computer equipment	420		258	
Commission paid	<u>3,850</u>		<u>-</u>	
		<u>29,522</u>		<u>28,837</u>
		(17,474)		(950)
Finance costs				
Bank charges	316		323	
Interest payable	<u>12</u>		<u>8</u>	
		<u>328</u>		<u>331</u>
NET DEFICIT		<u>(17,802)</u>		<u>(1,281)</u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements