

**WIMBLEDON DISTRICT WOODCRAFT FOLK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**Charity registration No: 1128760**

## Our Chair of Trustees Report

For so many who had to bear the direct challenges of the pandemic in their lives, it will always be difficult to put Covid-19 behind us. Covid-19 has left a nasty legacy of issues that our clients are still dealing with.

What makes the Wimbledon Woodcraft Folk Special?

We are co-operative, we encourage children and young people to work together to share their skills and enthusiasm.

We believe in equal opportunities and access for all members. This means being able to discuss and challenge discrimination.

We are open to people of any religion or none.

We empower young people to make decisions themselves and to take an active part in the world around them.

We are dedicated to the building of a more peaceful future.

We promote and understand the need to protect our environment and the use of the world's resources.

We run exchanges with similar organisations throughout the world. Our international links help us to span the world with friendship.

On behalf of the children and young people, I would like to thank our partners, who help in many ways including financial support.

We really could not survive without the support of our volunteers and staff, who dedicate their time and energy into working with the children and young people. A, big thanks to all.

Tom Searle

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Searle', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk  
Chairperson

## **1. REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY AND ITS TRUSTEES**

**Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk (WDWF) presents the following reports and accounts with the independent examiners report for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.**

### **1.1 THE ORGANISATIONAL AND DECISION MAKING STRUCTURE.**

**Management Committee**

**WDWF Trustees for the period 2023 were:**

**Thomas Scarle – Chairperson  
Peter Dauncey – Treasurer  
Claire Weston-Shaw – Secretary  
Melody Weston-Shaw  
Joel Winter  
Sophie Spencer  
Zuzanna Chylarecka  
Raphel Spencer  
Charlotte Boylan  
Emily Searle  
Kevin Godding  
Mary Searle  
Frankie Godding  
Linda Osborn**

**Trustees elect all officers at the Annual General Meeting. The Management Committee can co-opt members.**

### **1.2 REGISTERED OFFICE**

**Registered Office Address:  
66 – 72 High Street,  
Colliers Wood  
London  
SW19 2BY**

Operations:  
Colliers Wood Community Centre  
66-72 High Street,  
Colliers Wood,  
London  
SW19 2BY

St John The Divine (Community Hall)  
High Path,  
Merton  
SW19 2JY  
Woodcraft Park Farm,  
Lurgashall,  
West Sussex  
GU28 9EU

- 1.3 **CHARITY STATUS & PUBLIC BENEFIT**  
WDFW is a registered charity (no. 1128760)  
The trustees have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006, to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charities Commission.

- 1.4 **ADVISORS AND STAFF:**  
**Woodchips** 0 to 5 years Tom Searle, Peter Dauncey  
**Elfins (Colliers Wood)** 6 to 9 years Raphael Spencer, Sophie Spencer, Zuzanna Chylarecka  
**Elfins (South Wimbledon)** 6 to 10 years Sam McIlroy, Tom Searle, Anita Coetser, Charlotte Boylan  
**Pioneers** 10 to 12 years Peter Dauncey, Antonia Daglish, Mags Basson  
**Venturers** 13 to 16 years Joel Winter, Melody Weston-Shaw  
**Be Yourself** 13 to 18 years Claire Weston-Shaw, Joel Winter, Melody Weston-Shaw

**Bankers:** CAF Bank Ltd

**Partners:**

- Colliers Wood Community Centre
- Wimbledon Foundation
- Merton Council
- Merton Connect
- The Co-op Group

- Jack Petchey Foundation
- Go! London
- National Woodcraft Folk
- London Youth

## **2. WDWF's governing document is its Constitution**

The governing body of the Charity is the Management Committee, which comprises of trustee members.

All members of the Management Committee retire together at the end of the Annual General Meeting but are legally entitled to be re-elected or re-appointed.

The Committee receives regular reports on all aspects of WDWF's work and meets formally at least three times a year. A General Purposes Sub-Committee meeting is called at any time to consider urgent matters of business. The main responsibility of the Management Committee is to formulate WDWF's business and strategic plans along with the annual budget and regular financial monitoring.

### **Internal Controls**

The Trustees have overall responsibility for ensuring that WDWF has an appropriate system of controls and also responsible for ensuring that the funds belonging to the Charity are applied only in furthering the objectives of WDWF. During the year, the Management Committee have received regular financial and management reports from the Co-ordinator and an annual review of WDWF's policies and procedures.

## **3 AIMS & OBJECTIVES**

Objectives Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk is a co-operative children and young people's movement. We run education groups in Merton and West Sussex where young people of all ages meet to play games, make friends and learn about big ideas from climate change to social justice through co-operative activities. The objects of the organisation are the advancement of education and the empowerment of children and young people for the public benefit by: • encouraging children and young people to participate in society, improving their lives and others through active citizenship; and • promoting the interests and welfare of children and young people.

## 4 GENERAL PERFORMANCE

### **Key Activities**

- Summer trip to Finland to camp with the Finnish organisation celebrating their 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Wimbledon Woodcraft Folk offered a weekly programme of social education for about 125 local children and young people in Merton.
- Wimbledon Woodcraft Folk organised 24 nights of camping and residential activities
- Received funding from the Mayor of London's Go! London Fund for Sporting Activities.

During term time we provided a safe friendly environment for young people to meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

- **Finland Trip** - 16 young people helped to make the summer of 2023 memorable Together! The international Nuoret Kotkat Falcon camp brought together children and young people from different countries in a scenic Finnish forest. They enjoyed making new friends in the beautiful outdoors with fun activities. Plus a short stay in Helsinki.
- **Go! London** – During the year we were one of only thirty groups in London to be successful at receiving a grant for two year funding towards running sporting activities, including the climbing wall and running a group on Friday evenings. This is aimed at reaching the 13 to 18 year olds who find it difficult to join the mainstream clubs.

### **Camping**

Camping is our most important activity. Camping is a symbolic expression of living co-operatively. At camp all young people are equal. Young people from all backgrounds eat, live, play and work together.

### **3-day May Bank Holiday Camp at Lurgashall.**

This camp was organised and run jointly with the groups from Colliers Wood Woodcraft Folk. It was great to see 15 and 16 year olds act as role models for the younger ones, encouraging cooking skills, setting up games in the woods and being consistently positive and enthusiastic.

### **5-day Summer Camp at Lurgashall.**

This camp was planned by the young people at the previous May Bank holiday camp. We were delighted to receive a small group from Southwark Woodcraft Folk to join our camp. One of the main highlights of the camp was a visit to The Weald & Downland Living Museum.

### **Other Opportunities**

Wimbledon Woodcraft also offered other opportunities:

- All Night Ice skating
- Farm workdays
- Visit to Airhop Trampoline Park
- One Sleepover
- Plus Monday evening roller blading for young children

### **Jack Petchey Awards**

During 2023 six young people received Jack Petchey achievement awards. The Leaders Award was given to Peter Dauncey.

**Arthur Starke, Edith Sharman, Laura Cowperscripps, Oscar Brent, Sylvie Fulford-Jones and Maisie Sahota Singh.**

#### **Arthur Starke**

**Reason for award:** Arthur is a modest, kind and exceptionally helpful member of the Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk and attending activities on a regular basis. A keen musician, Arthur plays both the drums and the piano, which he is making great progress in. He is also a keen footballer and a regular participant at Colliers Wood Little League, where his team were league champions in the 21-22 season. Not only this Arthur spends much of his free time supporting and playing football with his older brother, who has special needs.

#### **Edith Sharman**

**Reason for award:** Edith is an enthusiastic and committed member of the group. She is a keen sportswoman and has participated in multiple borough-wide tournaments in netball, hockey and football. Edith has



taken on a responsibility for helping the younger children with their reading and another for running her schools Snack Shack.

**Laura Cowperscripps**

**Reason for award:** Laura is a valued and regular member of the group acting as a keen team member at our Spring Camp in preparing a meal and cooking for 32 people. Laura was inspired by her grandfather's successful battle with cancer, to fundraise for Cancer Research, by participating in Muddy Runs. She also made phone charms and face masks and sold them to raise money for CAFOD. Not only this but Laura has taken part in long distance walks to test her stamina.

**Oscar Brent**

**Reason for award:** Oscar is a keen member of the group attending weekly activities. Last year he participated in the Hindleap Warren 3-day Residential and has been assisting with the trip this summer to Finland. Oscar has recently achieved his Blue Tag 5th Kup in Tae Kwon-Do.

**Sylvie Fulford-Jones**

**Reason for award:** Sylvie loves to give to charity. She even cut off 22 inches off of her hair and raised nearly £700 for The Little Princess Trust, a cancer charity for children. She has also performed in ballet shows to audiences of more than fifty people. Not only this but she also plays the cello and performs at churches to 150+ audiences. Sylvie is a valuable and regular member of Wimbledon Woodcraft, having joined when she was four. She enjoys regular camping trips and other activities where she loves pushing her boundaries and trying her best.

**Maisie Sahota Singh**

**Reason for award:** Maisie has been a leading member of our working group on the formation of a new Friday Club aimed at young people who are excluded or bullied because of their differences. (Be Yourself Club) She has recently designed a new logo for the project, including t-shirt designs. She has also attended two Residentials in the past year.

**Sophie Spencer- Leaders Award**

Sophie has been a life-long member, receiving her achievers award as a teenager and then progressing within the club to be a young leader. In the recent past she has attended an international seminar on the barriers which established groups have regarding inclusion, especially amongst the changing population. She has encouraged us to look at our practices and adapt. Sophie is a very popular leader and running weekly sessions during term time.

## **5 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The Committee receives quarterly financial reports for the purpose of ensuring that there is proper monitoring and control of finances.

### **5.1 Accounting Convention**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the SORP (Statement of Recommended Practice: "Accounting by Charities"), revised in 2005.

#### **Incoming resources**

Income resources from grants, donations and contributions represent the amounts receivable in respect of the year. Grant income is deferred where it has been received in the current year, but relates to a project which takes place in the following year.

#### **Charitable Expenditure**

This relates to expenditure made for the achievement of the objects of the organisation. Expenditure includes an apportionment of staff and office expenses where it is appropriate to do so.

#### **Grants**

The charity administers on behalf of public bodies or other agencies and is not itself a grant making body.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed Assets owned by WDWF include Woodcraft Park Farm.

#### **Governance Costs**

These include all expenditure not directly attributable to the charitable expenditure accounts in the financial statements.

#### **Voluntary Help**

A considerable amount of time is expended on the charity's activities which is donated free of charge. It is not possible to quantify the value of time given and accordingly it is neither recorded as donated income nor as an expense in the accounts.

#### **Restricted Funds**

Where income has been received with conditions attached, which are more specific than the general objectives of the charity, it is allocated to a

restricted fund. Subsequent expenditure of this income is charged to the restricted fund as it is incurred.

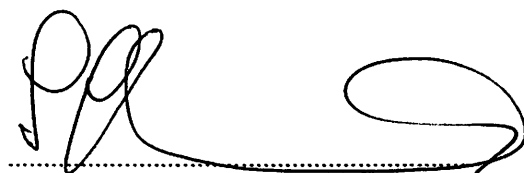
## Financial report

The overall budget for our organisation for the financial year 2023:

	<b>Unrestricted funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Last year £</b>
<b><u>Incoming resources</u></b>				
Charitable activities	7105	8570	15675	7063
Individual donations	10208	-	10208	19348
<b>Total income</b>	<b>17313</b>	<b>8570</b>	<b>25883</b>	<b>26411</b>
<b><u>Resources expended</u></b>				
Charitable expenditure	8772	8570	17342	6513
Asset and investments purchase	-	-		
<b>Total resources expended</b>	<b>8772</b>	<b>8570</b>	<b>17342</b>	<b>6513</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>8772</b>	<b>8570</b>	<b>17342</b>	<b>19898</b>
Funds brought forward	33738	-	33738	53514
Funds carried forward at 31st December	<b>42279</b>	-	<b>42279</b>	73412

## Approval

This report, which has been prepared in accordance with the General Direction given by the Charity Commission, has been considered by Committee and signed by the Chair.



Thomas Searle (Chair, Trustee)

01 October 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Stimbleton District Woodcraft Folk

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/01/2023	To	31/12/2023
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Go London	-	4,147	-	4,147	-
Co-op Community Fund	-	1,011	-	1,011	-
Jack Petchey Foundation	-	2,662	-	2,662	1,950
Individual Donations	10,208	-	-	10,208	19,348
NatWest Thrive Programme	-	750	-	750	-
Events	5,333	-	-	5,333	3,481
Solar Pannels	1,688	-	-	1,688	1,607
Bank interest	84	-	-	84	25
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>17,313</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,883</b>	<b>26,411</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>17,313</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,883</b>	<b>26,411</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	-	2,178	-	2,178	1,295
Insurance	-	1,391	-	1,391	1,861
Events	6,712	3,826	-	11,748	3,232
Staff Cost	-	1,973	-	1,973	-
Administration	60	-	-	60	125
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,772</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,342</b>	<b>6,513</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,772</b>	<b>8,570</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,342</b>	<b>6,513</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,541</b>	<b>19,898</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>33,738</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,738</b>	<b>53,514</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>42,279</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,279</b>	<b>73,412</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	-	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-



		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Woodcraft Park Farm		86,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	

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		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on  
behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PETER DUNCANSON	4/10/24
	JOEL WINTER	4/10/24

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees  
of  
Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Colliers Wood Woodcraft Folk for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 'Act')

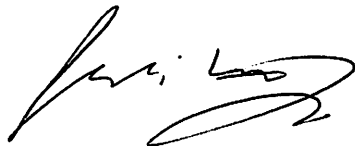
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carries out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. The accounts do not accord with those records.
3. 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 report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

Jacqui Lewis  
CWCA  
66-72 High Street  
Colliers Wood  
LONDON  
SW19 2BY

30<sup>th</sup> September 2024