

**WIMBLEDON DISTRICT WOODCRAFT FOLK**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**Charity registration No: 1128760**

## **Our Chair of Trustees Report**

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**

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**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 31st December 2024.

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

Management Committee

WDWF Trustees for the period 2024 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  
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**

WDWF 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, 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.

### **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.

## **GENERAL PERFORMANCE**

### **Key Activities**

- Opening of the Go London Activities group.
- Participating in The Adventures Away From Home Scheme.
- 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.
- During term time we provided a safe friendly environment for people to meet on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings

### **Go! London**

We organised 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- to 1-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 Refugees to join us at our camp. One of the main highlights of the camp was a Bushcraft activities.

## **Other Opportunities**

**Wimbledon Woodcraft also offered other opportunities:**

**All Night Ice skating**

**Farm workdays**

**Halloween Nite at Thrope Park**

**One Sleepover**

**Plus Monday evening roller blading for young children**

## **Jack Petchey Awards**

During 2024 six young people received Jack Petchey achievement awards. The Leader's Award was given to Charlotte Boylan.

Paul Kervella, Max Woodley, Addison Lapham, Otto Kingley, Irene Peel, Sophie Bailey.

### **Paul Kervella**

Reason for award: Paul is an active member of our senior group, who offers weekly assistance at the junior club and especially likes supervising the climbing wall. He has participated in several residentials and been part of the organising team for a recent camping trip. He also finds time to participate in the DofE Gold Award.

### **Max Woodley**

Reason for award: Max is an active member of our senior group, who offers weekly assistance at the junior club and especially likes supervising the games sessions. He has participated in a number of residentials and been part of the organising team for a recent camping trip. He also finds time to participate in the DofE Gold Award.

### **Addison Lapham**

Reason for award: Addison is a regular participant at Wimbledon Woodcraft where she always works well in her team and loves to win! She is also a keen sportswoman, competing regularly in both swimming and gymnastics. Not only this, but Addison loves to dance and has performed a tap routine in an Alice in

Wonderland show. On top of this, Addison loves helping others and raising money for charity. She recently completed a 2.5K swimathon as well as selling home-made pink lemonade, both in aid of MacMillan Cancer Care!

### **Otto Kingsley**

Reason for award: Otto is an enthusiastic and committed member of the group. He loves playing table tennis and encouraging other members to play. At the Spring Bank holiday camp, Otto took on a role as a Team Leader, being responsible for the preparation of food.

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### **Irene Peel**

Reason for award: Irene 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 rainbow badge and poster for the project. She also setup an Instagram page. She has attended two residential in the past year.

### **Sophie Bailey**

Reason for award: Sophie finds it difficult to attend the group regularly due to her care activities, with regards to a family sibling. She is a regular attendee at outdoor residential where she has played an active part as a team member. She enjoys dancing and is keen on fashion.

### **Charlotte Boylan - Leaders Award**

Charlotte 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 lead a delegation to an international camp. Charlotte is a very popular leader and running weekly sessions during term time.



## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

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

### **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.

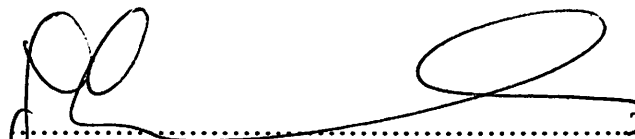
## Financial report

The overall budget for our organisation for the financial year 2024:

	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Restricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>	<b>Last Year £</b>
<b>Incoming Resource's</b>				
Charitable activities	23278	23587	46865	15675
Individual donations	1406	-	1406	10208
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>24684</b>	<b>23587</b>	<b>48271</b>	<b>25883</b>
<b>Resources expended</b>				
Charitable expenditure Asset and investments purchase	1581	23587	25168	17342
<b>Total resource's expend</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>23587</b>	<b>25168</b>	<b>17342</b>
<b>Net incoming resources</b>	<b>1581</b>	<b>23587</b>	<b>25168</b>	<b>17342</b>
Funds brough forward	23103	-	23103	33738
Funds carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> December	62382	-	62382	42279

Approved

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 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Wimbledon District Woodcraft Folk

No (if any)  
1128760

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

Period start date  
01/01/2024

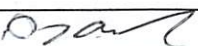
To

Period end date  
31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
London Community Fund	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
Go London	-	13,587	-	13,587	4,147
NatWest Thrive Programme	2,250	-	-	2,250	750
Clarion Futures	4,920	-	-	4,920	-
DofE	7,339	-	-	7,339	-
Jack Petchet Foundation	3,800	-	-	3,800	2,662
Individual Donations	1,406	-	-	1,406	10,208
Events	3,035	-	-	3,035	5,333
Solar Pannels	1,818	-	-	1,818	1,688
Co-op Community Fund	-	-	-	-	1,011
Bank Interest	116	-	-	116	84
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,684</b>	<b>23,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>25,883</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>24,684</b>	<b>23,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>48,271</b>	<b>25,883</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Rent	-	4,041	-	4,041	2,178
Insurance	-	2,218	-	2,218	1,391
Events	1,194	8,240	-	9,434	11,740
Staff Cost	-	9,088	-	9,088	1,973
Administration	387	-	-	387	60
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,581</b>	<b>23,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,168</b>	<b>17,342</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>1,581</b>	<b>23,587</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,168</b>	<b>17,342</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>23,103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,103</b>	<b>8,541</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	42,279	-	-	42,279	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>65,382</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>65,382</b>	<b>8,541</b>

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

Categories	Details	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))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Woodcraft Park Farm		86,000	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			PETER D AUNCEY	27/10/25

**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 31st December 2024

**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')

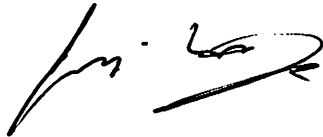
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name:

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

30th September 2025