

Geograph Project Ltd

Registered charity number 1145621

Registered company number 7473967

Financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Directors' report (incorporating the Trustees' annual report)
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The Trustees, who are also Directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December, 2023.

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual directors' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31st December 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full name	Geograph Project Limited
Registered charity number	1145621
Registered company number	7473967
Registered office	Dept 1706, 43 Owston Road Carcroft Doncaster South Yorkshire DN6 8DA
Patron	Mike Parker

Directors (Trustees)

Mark Anderson	
Sebastian Ballard	
Stephen Craven	
Michael Dibb	Secretary & Treasurer
William Harrison	
Barry Hunter	
Christine Johnstone	Chair
David Martin	
Ruth Sharville	

Bankers

Barclays Bank Plc, 737 Barking Road, London E13 9PL

Governance and management

Geograph Project Limited was established under the Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 20th December, 2010 as a company limited by guarantee. The liability of each member in the event of winding up is limited to £1.

At a general meeting of the company held on 15th November, 2011 a new Memorandum and Articles of Association was adopted which was acceptable for charity registration and the company became a registered charity with the Charity Commission on 25th January, 2012.

Method of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Articles of Association. The Trustees have the power to appoint additional Trustees. There is no maximum number of Trustees but the minimum is three.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The company has procedures in place which use Amazon Web Services to distribute copies of the photographs and associated data to multiple data-centres following established best practices. Copies of our data is deposited within national archive projects including the UK Web Archive and the Internet Archive.

Aims and objectives

The principal objective of the company is "To advance the education of the public in geography and heritage by collecting, organising, publishing and preserving photographs and associated information for every one-kilometre grid square of Great Britain, Ireland, and the Isle of Man and making them available primarily by electronic means free or at minimum charge to the public, with particular facilities for use by schools"

Our activities are as follows:

- To maintain a website to which contributors can upload geolocated photographs.
- To promote the educational use of the photographs uploaded especially by schools.
- To make the photographs available free or at minimum charge to everyone.
- To archive the photographs so that future generations may be able to view them.

Photographs are published on the company's web site under a Creative Commons Licence allowing users to copy and republish the photographs free of charge providing the appropriate acknowledgement of copyright is given, the Creative Commons Licence is quoted and any additional permissions that may be required have been obtained. The photographs have many users, especially amongst those in education.

Achievements and performance

By the end of 2023, some 13,844 people had submitted just over 7.67 million photographs. The rate of submission of photographs and associated data continues at a high level, averaging about 25,500 images each month by an average of 296 active contributors with a total of 703 contributors uploading images of 62,800 separate one-kilometre grid squares during the year.

For Great Britain, Ireland and the Isle of Man as a whole, there are submitted photographs for over 85.1% of the one-kilometre grid squares. For England, Scotland and Wales, the coverage is over 98.6%. Geograph contributors have now photographed 98.9% of the 43,976 settlements within Great Britain (32.2% of them in 2023), and 84.8 of 2,358 in Ireland (178 of them in 2023).

Over 204,350 one-kilometre grid squares now have more than 4 photographs, 40,643 grid squares have more than 40 images,

The historical value of the photographic archive continues to grow as it now includes photographs taken in all decades from 1880 onwards. There are over 109,600 photographs which were taken before the year 2000. Some 141,786 one-kilometre grid squares now have photographs taken at least five years apart, thus illustrating the change over time.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees have read the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission and are mindful of their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that all of Geograph Project's activities fall within the scope of the guidance.

Financial Review**Reserves**

As the charity is mostly dependent on donations for funding, the Trustees have decided to hold a high level of reserves. Should the level of donations received decline, the Trustees are confident that the current level of reserves are sufficient to allow the charity to continue operations for some time until some other substantial source(s) of funding have been secured.

Funds in deficit

Not applicable

Principal funding sources

Our funding sources continue to expand. This year there has been income from advertising on the website, a trading profit from the sale of calendars to members and interest has been earned on our invested reserve funds. The main source of funds during the year continued to be donations which were received from some 132 people and companies. Donations have been received from people resident in Japan, Australia and Ireland as well as from all parts of the United Kingdom.

Exemptions

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemptions available to small companies, including the audit exemption (see statement on balance sheet).

Small company provisions:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Responsibilities of the Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the year and of the surplus or deficiency for the year then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described in the notes to the accounts, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the company, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Christine Johnstone
Chair

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Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 31st December 2023

	£	£	£	Year to 31 st December 2022		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources						
Donations of money (gross inc. Gift Aid)		22,259			26,805	
Profit on trading		775			736	
Income from advertising		2,093			754	
Interest receivable		699			15	
Total incoming resources		25,826			28,310	
Resources expended						
Website operational expenses						
Hosting servers	504			504		
Cloud Hosting	13,524			11,597		
Backup & Recovery	1,966			1,694		
Internet	103			95		
Systems Administration	8,600			8,117		
Total website operational expenses		24,697			22,007	
Administration expenses						
Administration and meetings	310			325		
AGM & meet costs	414			298		
Insurances	431			404		
Total administration expenses		1,155			1,027	
Financial expenses						
Bank fees (collection costs)	168			344		
Depreciation	3,002			4,931		
Total financial expenses		3,170			5,275	
Total resources expended		29,022			29,309	
Net income/(expenditure)		(3,196)			1	

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Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2023

	£	£	£	31 st December 2022		
				£	£	£
Fixed Assets (Net of depreciation)						
Computers & software	305			3,307		
Total fixed assets			305			3,307
Current Assets						
Cash at banks	32,919			32,784		
Prepayment & accrued income	5,299			5,154		
Total current assets		38,218			37,938	
Current Liabilities						
Accounts payable	1,909			1,671		
Accrued expenses	1,053			816		
Total current liabilities		2,962			2,487	
Net current assets			35,256			35,451
Net Assets			35,561			38,758
The funds of the charity						
Funds at 1 st January		38,758			38,757	
Net income (expenditure) for year		(3,196)			1	
Total funds at 31st December			35,562			38,758

For the period ended 31st December 2023, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Director

Dated

Secretary

Geograph Project Limited

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023

1. Accounting policies

Basis of the preparation of the accounts

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with (i) the Charities Act 2011, (ii) the Companies Act 2006, (iii) the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and (iv) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Incoming resources

All material incoming resources have been included on an accruals and prepayment basis – i.e. they are included if the date receivable falls within the period covered by these accounts.

Resources expended

These have been analysed using a natural classification. All expenditure has been included on an accruals and prepayment basis.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost or valuation, less estimated residual value, of all tangible fixed assets with a cost exceeding £50 over their expected useful lives on a straight line basis. The rates applicable are:

Computers and software	25%
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2. Fixed assets

Computers and software	Cost £	Depreciation £	Net Book Value £
At 1 st January, 2023	12,521	9,214	3,307
Depreciation charge		3,002	
At 31st December, 2023	12,521	12,216	305

3. Trustees' expenses

During the period, most board meetings were held remotely by zoom. The company has no employees.

4. Glossary of terms

Accruals: These are services that the company has used during the accounting period but which had not been invoiced.

Prepayments: These are services that the company has paid for, but not used during the accounting period.