GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1148783

Details

Other names	FGR Community
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08121843
Registered	2012-08-31
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS (OBJECTS) ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC GENERALLY, BOTH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND OVERSEAS: (A) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. (B) TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR THE PLAYING OF ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL AND OTHER SPORTS CAPABLE OF IMPROVING HEALTH; (C) TO PROVIDE, AND ASSIST IN PROVIDING, FACILITIES FOR SPORT RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE NEED FOR SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE; (D) TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY PROVIDING FACILITIES AND ACTIVITIES IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY WAY AND WHICH DEMONSTRATES THE BENEFITS OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; (E) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF CHARITY AND IN PARTICULAR IN RELATION TO THE PROTECTION OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT; AND FOR THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF SUCH CHARITABLE BODIES OR FOR SUCH OTHER EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES, IN EACH CASE AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE.

Activities: TO PROMOTE ANY PURPOSE THAT IS CHARITABLE ACCORDING TO ENGLISH LAW INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£284,692	£1,406,463	-	-
2024-04-30	£833,436	£608,744	£7,849,966	17
2023-04-30	£8,182,847	£788,715	£7,625,274	12
2022-04-30	£540,729	£202,519	£231,142	6
2021-04-30	£134,719	£146,806	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
DALE VINCE	Chair	2012-08-29
Dahlia Nahome		2021-07-23
HELEN TAYLOR		2013-10-30

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Charity name	Green Britain Foundation
Registered charity number	1148783
Company number	08121843
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Website	www.greenbritainfoundation.co.uk
Telephone Number	07803 124541
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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2025, which also comprises of the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative information, as set out on page one, form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Green Britain Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 12 August 2019, as amended 29 March 2022, and is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1148783) from 31 August 2012. Date of incorporation was the 27 June 2012.

In the event of the company being wound up, the member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. The trustees are all individuals.

The charity is a charitable company and follows the legislation pertaining to both.

Appointment of trustees and key management personnel

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are invited to join the board. The trustees who served in the reporting period were Dale Vince, Helen Taylor and Dahlia Nahome, with no changes during the year, or in the period between the year-end and the approval of the accounts.

The governing document allows for a minimum of three trustees and there are currently three.

In appointing trustees and key personnel, the charity follows the Charity Commission guidelines and specifically:

- Identifies the need
- Agrees the skills and experiences we require and create a person and role specification
- Agrees an open process of recruitment
- Ensures that the charity opens the opportunity to a diverse range of candidates
- Interviews against the criteria the charity has identified, in a fair and objective manner
- Invites preferred candidates to join subject to references
- Obtains written confirmation that candidates are eligible in law to be trustees
- Asks candidates to declare conflicts of interest
- If to be a renumerated role and in-line with 4.4 of the Articles of Association, competitive rates within the charity sector will be paid, reflecting the nature and complexity of the role and consistent with the charity's charitable objectives and what we can afford.

- Formalises the appointment in line with the charity's governing document
- The chair writes to candidates setting out their duties and responsibilities as trustees and directors or delegates this to the General Manager
- A formal induction process is undertaken
- Trustees are formally welcomed to the board
- The decision is ratified at the next AGM

At the Annual General Meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment. Dale Vince retires as a trustee at the next Annual General Meeting but is eligible for reappointment after 12 months.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which shall include no less than three members, administers the charity. The trustee board comprises of three trustees.

The Charity comprises the wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, delivering outreach programmes aligned to the football club, Forest Green Rovers FC, in accordance with the Articles of Association. The FGR Community board comprises two directors: one independent director and one representing Forest Green Rovers FC. The board meet at least three times a year, with separate sub-committees responsible for operations, human resources, finance, governance and outreach updates.

A Head of FGR Community, as appointed by the trustees, manages the day-to-day operations of FGR Community. A Head of the Green Britain Foundation is appointed by the trustees to run the day-to-day operations of the Green Britain Foundation, as a whole.

Risk management

The trustees are aware that a key risk is the safeguarding of children and adults, including GDPR measures, that are particularly relevant to FGR Community's programme delivery within the community. A safeguarding culture has been instilled throughout the organisation from top to bottom, with stringent processes and training in place.

Staff and volunteers understand the importance of safeguarding and the appropriate action that is required to ensure FGR Community provides a safe environment for its service users. FGR Community has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, as well as a further support, in the form of a Safeguarding Forum managed by Forest Green Rovers Football Club – with a designated Safeguarding lead on the Board of Directors of FGR Community.

The finances of the Green Britain Foundation are monitored closely by the Head of the Green Britain Foundation and reviewed in accordance with the charity's reserves policy.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purpose of the charity is as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects are for the benefit of the public generally, both in the United Kingdom and overseas:

a) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health
c) To provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life
d) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by providing facilities and activities in an environmentally friendly way and which demonstrates the benefits of the physical and natural environment
e) To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit, in accordance with the law of charity and in particular in relation to the protection of the physical and natural environment.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes during the year

The Green Britain Foundation exists to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint.

The charity's work focuses on the three areas of life that together account for around 80% of individual and organisational carbon emissions: Energy, Transport, and Food - how we power ourselves, how we travel, and what we eat. The fourth pillar is making room for Nature.

Through the charity's programmes, data, insights, and information, it enables the changes needed to create a truly green Britain. It also harnesses the power of football and other outreach activities to improve lives through participation in sport and education.

The key programmes of activity for this reporting period have been:

- Empowering People and Communities
- Land and Sea Stewardship
- Policy, Campaigns and Advocacy
- Grants and Donations

1. Empowering People and Communities

Environmental Education

Delivered through the charity's *Ministry of Eco Education*, this unique programme engages young people in the solutions for a greener Britain. It provides environmentally focused teaching resources that can be seamlessly integrated into existing primary and secondary school curricula, helping teachers embed sustainability across subjects.

Sport, Community Engagement and Sustainability

FGR Community, the wholly owned subsidiary of the Green Britain Foundation (also known as 'the Trust'), uses the power of sport to inspire sustainable living and improve wellbeing. By engaging people of all ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation, the Trust promotes healthy lifestyles, encourages personal responsibility for physical and mental wellbeing, and fosters community connection. Through football and related outreach, the team motivate and educate participants to consider their impact on the environment and their wider communities - helping people fulfil their potential while contributing to a greener future.

2. Land and Sea Stewardship

Marine Conservation

Through the lease of the Austal 16 Patrol vessel *Nemesis* (originally built for NSW Police in 2000) to the Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK (charity no. 1110501), the charity has supported the protection of marine life and the enhancement of ocean biodiversity.

Rewilding

Focus has been on restoring land in Wales, Gloucestershire, Devon, and Sussex to create thriving woodland, river, and meadow habitats. These projects bring nature back to life, foster biodiversity, and engage local communities through storytelling, volunteering, and education.

3. Policy, Campaigns and Advocacy

The charity has commissioned research and reports to provide evidence-based insights and practical solutions for sustainable living - from grassroots initiatives to wider policy influence - helping to shape a more environmentally responsible Britain.

4. Grants and Donations

Providing grants to projects and initiatives that reduce environmental harm and promote positive, sustainable practices. These investments are aimed to support the charity's vision of a greener Britain.

The above programmes have been delivered while ensuring that the Foundation's operations are run efficiently and effectively.

The Board of Trustees remains satisfied that the activities of the Green Britain Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community continue to meet the Charity Commission's public benefit requirements.

The Board extends its gratitude to Ecotricity Group Limited for the significant unrestricted funds gifted to the charity in April 2022, which have supported most of the Foundation's charitable activities this year. FGR Community has also successfully continued to secure a range of funding bids and partnerships.

Further information on our achievements and performance is set out in the following section of this report.

Key Developments and Achievements

The following developments and achievements have been delivered over the course of this financial year:

1. **Empowering People and Communities**

a) Environmental Education – the Ministry of Eco Education

The Ministry of Eco Education helps teachers embed sustainability across the curriculum using free, curated resources and learning journeys. Guided by big questions and expert insights, it empowers schools to inspire the next generation for a greener Britain.

£193,610 was allocated to these activities for the 2024-25, with an additional £22,196 funding committed to the end of the academic (end August 2025) for contracted staff and to cover the costs of the Celebratory event for teachers.

Thanks also go to TLT LLP for their generous donation of £5,000 towards this programme.

Background

Founded in 2021, the **Ministry of Eco Education (MEE)** supports schools across the UK to green the curriculum and inspire students to engage with a sustainable future. Led by Paul Turner, MEE has developed a **free, cross-curricular eco curriculum**, building on early innovations at Minchinhampton Primary Academy.

After a successful pilot with 15 schools in 2021–2022, the programme expanded regionally, now supported by coordinators across the country. The team has curated resources from over **200 organisations**, creating a unified framework that saves teachers time while embedding sustainability across all subjects.

MEE's learning journeys cover **seven key environmental themes—**Energy, Transport, Food, Nature, Waste, Water, and Society - guided by big questions that spark curiosity and action. At its core, MEE is committed to giving **all teachers free access to high-quality sustainability education** that empowers students to build a greener future.

Despite being a small team of just four part-time staff, MEE continued to deliver transformative national impact across schools, educators, and communities through its innovative environmental education and collaborative activities in this reporting period:

- **Supported 68 Learning Journeys**, helping schools embed sustainability into their curriculum and connect classroom learning with real-world ecological challenges and opportunities.

- **Wove together over 400 organisational resources and opportunities**, creating a powerful, interconnected ecosystem of partners that strengthened national collaboration in sustainability education.
- **Trained more than 3,000 teachers in person** through regional workshops and conferences, building practical confidence and capacity for climate and nature-focused teaching.
- **Delivered online training to over 5,000 teachers**, making professional learning on eco education accessible to educators across the country regardless of location.
- **Enabled 9,000 people to access regional support documents**, ensuring schools had tailored guidance aligned with their local environmental context.
- **Provided 1:1 planning support to 65 teachers**, offering personalised mentoring to help educators design and implement impactful sustainability initiatives in their schools.
- **Delivered 21 in-person and 15 online events**, bringing together educators, environmental partners, and community leaders to share best practice, inspire innovation, and scale collective action.
- **Produced 60 high-quality supporting videos**, extending the reach of MEE's training and resources and enabling teachers to revisit and share learning materials with colleagues.
- **Reached 5,810 teachers through the MEE website**, positioning it as a trusted national hub for eco education resources, ideas, and community updates
- **Engaged over 9,000 viewers on YouTube**, amplifying stories of school impact and showcasing models of effective sustainability education in action.
- **Generated over 2 million interactions across MEE social media channels**, raising the national profile of sustainability in education and fostering an active online community of educators and partners.
- **Supported 64 regional Activators working directly with schools**, strengthening local networks and ensuring consistent, on-the-ground support for embedding environmental education.

Celebrating Success and Building Momentum

The Ministry of Eco Education (MEE) concluded the academic year with a **Teacher Celebration**, bringing together some of the most passionate and dedicated educators from across the country. It was a moment to pause, reflect, and celebrate the achievements of the diverse community that drives MEE forward.

A landmark achievement this year is that **every school in the country now has access to MEE's free resources**, enabling teachers to embed the Environmental Education

framework across all subjects and year groups, weaving sustainability, climate, and nature education seamlessly into their teaching.

Online events have proven to be a highly effective and accessible way to engage teachers, students, and wider communities around key environmental themes. By sharing recordings on YouTube, MEE has extended the reach of these events even further, allowing learning to continue long after the live sessions.

Engaging a broader network of **activators, teachers, and partner organisations** has built momentum, fostered knowledge-sharing, and generated positive energy across the eco-education sector. This engagement has strengthened both local and national MEE communities, creating a robust support network for educators.

Teachers have benefited from **practical resources, ready-to-use classroom activities, and innovative ideas**, saving time while boosting their confidence and skills in climate and nature education.

By combining **accessible online content, in-person events, and strong collaborative relationships**, MEE has amplified its impact**—inspiring students, supporting teachers, and cultivating a growing ecosystem of eco-education initiatives.**

Future Plans

The Ministry of Eco Education's key goals for the coming year are to:

- **Deepen engagement with educators**, supporting them to integrate sustainability more fully into their teaching.
- **Connect classroom learning with real-world environmental challenges and solutions**, including the rollout of a 'Meet the Experts' online resource, allowing teachers to bring green skills and real-world insights directly into their classrooms.
- **Share the vision for a Green Britain and advocate for a sustainable future**, aligning MEE educational activities with programmes delivered by the Green Britain Foundation.
- **Expand MEE's facilitation community**, growing the network of Activators**—**including teachers, environmentalists, activists, and businesses**—**who volunteer to help embed sustainability and increase MEE's impact.

Overall, MEE remains committed to **empowering young people to take action and become agents of change**, supporting enhanced learning through real-world examples, and celebrating the positive impact of sustainability education.

b) Sport, Community Engagement and Sustainability

FGR Community exists to educate, motivate and inspire through football. Its programmes make a positive impact across Gloucestershire and beyond.

During this reporting period, the core team of five, supported by additional part-time and casual staff, achieved:

- **Premier League Primary Stars (PLPS):** 492 pupils took part in interactive lessons using football to enhance learning in maths, English, PSHE, and PE, while promoting teamwork and ambition. Funded by the Premier League Charitable Fund (£25,000), the National League (£10,000), and income from charged sessions.

- **Premier League Kicks:** 348 young people joined free football sessions, developing skills, staying active, and accessing positive pathways in safe, supportive environments. Funded by the Premier League Charitable Fund (£35,000).

- **Community Development:** 70 local residents benefited from initiatives including the community café, food pantry, and warm hub, strengthening community connections. Funded through GL11 Community Fund, Build Back Better, Community Wellbeing Grant, NTC, and local donations (£28,400).

- **Soccer Camps:** Delivered 926 holiday camp places for children aged 5–13, offering fun, confidence-building, and football opportunities during school breaks.

- **Disability Sport:** Launched new pan-disability football sessions, engaging 6 young people in inclusive, skill-building activities and social interaction.

- **Cookalongs:** 33 participants took part in interactive cooking workshops, learning practical skills in healthy eating, nutrition, and affordable meal preparation.

- **Ambassadors:** 86 young ambassadors represented FGR in schools and communities, spreading club values while gaining life skills, supported by the Fan Engagement Officer.

- **Senior Ambassadors:** 4 senior volunteers supported matchday activities and community programmes, mentoring younger ambassadors.

- **Alumni Programme:** 6 former ambassadors progressed into the alumni programme, taking on greater volunteering responsibilities and continuing to engage with the Trust.

The Trust is grateful to the **Premier League Charitable Fund** (£22,500 for a Fan Engagement role and £10,000 core funding) and the **English Football League** (£7,000 core funding, £10,000 Business Grant, £1,750 Smart Meter funding) for enabling these programmes to thrive.

The Trust made a single donation of £10,000 during the year, in partnership with co funder Bolt. This contribution supported the redevelopment of the local skatepark and improvements to a nearby walking route, aligning with the Foundation's commitment to community support and outreach.

Future Plans

FGR Community aims to:

- Strengthen and implement its **new Strategic Plan**, setting objectives to enhance impact.

- Increase **fundraising** to complement support from the PLCF, National League, and EFL.
- Expand the **pan-disability programme**, subject to funding.
- Enhance the **Ambassador Programme** to reach more schoolchildren, boosting confidence, wellbeing, and ambition.
- Grow **Soccer Camp delivery** through an improved booking system and additional staffing.
- Maintain high standards of governance through adherence to the **Capability Code of Practice**, ensuring due diligence in all funding applications.

2. Land and Sea Stewardship

a) Marine conservation

During this financial period, the charity's 16-metre Austal patrol vessel, **Nemesis** (built 2000 for NSW Police), was loaned to the Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK (Charity No. 1110501) to support marine life protection and promote ocean biodiversity, with the intention of using the vessel on campaigns to intercept whaling operations in Iceland.

Maintenance work was carried out in preparation; however, the vessel remained berthed in Lowestoft.

The lease with CPWF UK was terminated at the end of March 2025, allowing the Green Britain Foundation to focus on its own marine conservation programme, **Fish Net Zero**, for ghost gear retrieval and broader ocean protection initiatives. This has included the purchase of a RIB to operate in the West Coast of Scotland**, Banshee** and necessary equipment to operate.

Costs for the year include: £65,313 (Nemesis maintenance costs), £47,911 (purchase of Banshee) and £7,785 (equipment). We are also very grateful to a personal donor who has helped support the purchase of Banshee (£5,000).

Initial work achieved, as the charity took back the Nemesis included:

- **Launching the Fish Net Zero programme,** targeting Abandoned, Lost, or Discarded Fishing Gear (ALDFG) aimed at conducting multiple ghost gear recovery dives on previously untouched wreck sites and freeing marine wildlife from entanglement on every dive.
- Beginning to **build a committed volunteer team** of, including trained divers and operational crew.
- **Deploying two vessels**: Nemesis (offshore, North Sea) and purchasing a new RIB Banshee (to operate inshore, Firth of Clyde) to achieve comprehensive operational coverage.
- **Generating early public interest**, with a bespoke videos and establishing social media channels
- **Establishing operational readiness**, safety protocols, and volunteer training systems.
- **Securing early strategic partnerships** with Raymarine UK, Tecline, and CCL Fleet Management Ltd.
- **Laying the foundations** for scalable, sustainable marine conservation impact.

Future Plans

The Fish Net Zero team plan to achieve the following in 2025-26:

- Complete **50+ ghost gear recovery dives** across wrecks and inshore sites.
- Expand the **volunteer base**, particularly divers in northern England.
- Launch a **beach cleaning programme**, targeting remote and inaccessible coastal locations using Banshee.
- Begin **seagrass bed research and monitoring** to support habitat protection.
- Produce **educational content and outreach materials** using footage from dives.
- Collaborate with **other coalitions** to improve fishing gear recycling and reuse.
- Support wider **Green Britain Foundation campaigns** with field data, media, and operational evidence.
- Engage with **government and NGO stakeholders** to tackle ALDFG at a national level.
- Continue **improving operational safety, volunteer training, and mission efficiency.**

Fish Net Zero is driving measurable marine conservation, recovering ghost gear, freeing wildlife, and building a scalable volunteer-led programme that advances the Green Britain Foundation's vision for healthier oceans.

b) Rewilding

During the reporting period, the trustees of the Green Britain Foundation continued to prioritise the management and expansion of the charity's woodland portfolio, with the aim of **enhancing biodiversity, supporting natural regeneration, and increasing carbon sequestration.**

The charity currently manages several key sites:

- **Cwm Uchaf Mountain, Llanegryn, Wales:** 23.33 ha (57.63 acres in two lots), gifted by Ecotricity in 2023–2024.
- **Land near Nympsfield, Gloucestershire:** 16.62 ha (41.06 acres).
- **Bowyer's Wood, Sussex:** 102.03 ha (251.99 acres in six lots).

In September 2024, the charity expanded its portfolio with the **purchase of Downicary, Devon** (11.5 ha, 26.3 acres in four lots) for £280,000, with the objective of creating wetlands, planting native trees, and sowing meadow seeds under the expert guidance of Derek Gow Consultancy.

In January 2025, **Chris Perkins** was appointed as Land Manager to oversee rewilding and nature recovery programmes. Key actions this year included:

- Researching and appointing consultants for the creation of **Woodland Management Plans** and **Ecological Surveys**, particularly in Sussex.
- **Engaging a woodland expert to** manage tree health and safety.
- Leading the licence application for the **reintroduction of beavers.**

- **Maintaining public access**, removing hazardous trees, and providing interpretation to educate visitors on the importance of allowing woodland and open ground to regenerate naturally.

Land-related expenditure for the year included beaver reintroduction and management (£9,710), land maintenance (£10,516), land management (£7,484), staff salaries (£6,097), and the Downicary purchase (£280,000).

Future Plans (May 2025 – April 2026)

The Foundation plans to continue rewilding and nature recovery to create rich, biodiverse habitats where flora and fauna can thrive. Key initiatives include:

- **Woodland Management Plans** - Commission contractors ESUS to create plans for Sussex and submit to the Forestry Commission for approval.
- **Tree Safety and Canopy Management** - Fell dead and dangerous trees, open woodland canopies, and encourage low-level vegetation to support birds, insects, and ground-dwelling species.
- **Meadow and Open Ground Management** - Scarify open land in Bowyer's Wood and Downicary for tree regeneration and commission an Open Ground Management Plan in Sussex.
- **Reintroduction of Native Species** - Introduce beavers to Bowyer's Wood in collaboration with Derek Gow Consultancy and the Beaver Trust.
- **Ecological and Archaeological Surveys** - Monitor species across all sites (birds, plants, insects, mammals), install nature cams, bird boxes, and raptor poles, and engage expert local groups.
- **Community Engagement** - Share nature footage, conduct interviews with consultants, and host activities such as walks, talks, and an annual BioBlitz to involve local communities in biodiversity monitoring.
- **Land Portfolio Expansion** - Purchase additional land, including Woolpack Farm/Bell Lane Meadow (11.22 ha, 27.71 acres), to extend conservation impact.

Through these initiatives, the Green Britain Foundation continues to demonstrate a **strategic, science-led approach to rewilding**, combining habitat restoration with community engagement and education to support biodiversity and climate resilience.

3. Policy, Campaigns and Advocacy

The charity has commissioned research and reports to provide evidence-based insights and practical solutions for sustainable living - from grassroots initiatives to wider policy influence - helping to shape a more environmentally responsible Britain.

a) Reports

During this reporting period four reports have been produced:

1. The Real Economic Cost of 'Cutting the Green Crap' (June 2024)
This report by the Green Britain Foundation reveals that the UK's decision to scale back green energy policies - referred to as "cutting the green crap" - has led to an additional £22

billion in household energy bills over the past decade. The analysis attributes this increase to the rollback of climate policies such as home insulation, renewable energy projects, and energy efficiency measures. The report argues that these cuts have not only raised costs but also hindered progress toward energy independence and net-zero targets.

2. The Case for Green Energy (August 2024)
This report examines the economic and environmental benefits of transitioning to green energy sources. It highlights that investments in renewable energy have outpaced those in fossil fuels, with clean energy accounting for 92.5% of new electricity capacity globally in 2024. The report emphasizes that renewable energy is now cheaper than fossil fuels, making the transition economically viable. However, it also notes challenges such as geopolitical tensions and material shortages that could impact the pace of this transition.

3. The Road to Energy Independence (September 2024)
This report outlines a strategic approach for the UK to achieve energy independence by reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels. It proposes measures such as implementing progressive energy tariffs, developing green gas, and reforming planning and market structures. The report argues that these steps will not only enhance energy security but also lower household bills, create green jobs, and contribute to meeting net-zero commitments.

4. Breaking the Link (April 2025)
This report exposes how the UK's energy market unfairly ties the cost of all electricity - even clean, homegrown power from wind and solar - to the volatile global price of fossil gas. Despite record levels of renewable generation, energy bills have continued to rise, adding £43 billion to UK bills in 2023 alone. The analysis shows that this broken system undermines both the affordability and independence of our energy supply, while enriching global fossil fuel markets.

The report calls on the government to "break the link" between green energy and gas prices, outlining how doing so could cut household and business costs, strengthen national security, and deliver true energy independence through 100% British renewable power.

b) Undercover investigations

In the latter part of this reporting period the charity appointed an Undercover Investigations Officer responsible for commissioning undercover filming and the publication of exposes in relation to factory and fish farming to expose the way animals are treated and the impact this has on their health, welfare and the environment.

The Green Britain Foundation has conducted several impactful undercover investigations into factory and fish farming, revealing systemic animal welfare abuses and environmental hazards. These investigations have garnered significant media attention and prompted regulatory scrutiny.

Fish Farming Investigations

Largest Salmon Escape in a Decade (December 2024)
The charity uncovered a previously unreported incident where 80,000 farmed salmon escaped during transport from Loch Shin to Lochinver. This raised concerns about the

impact on wild salmon populations and prompted calls for stricter regulations. The Times

Diseased Salmon in Tasmania (April 2025)
The charity released footage of diseased salmon in Tasmania's Macquarie Harbour, highlighting the potential threat to the critically endangered Maugean skate. See here.

Factory Farming Investigations

Hogwood and Flat House Farms (2024)
The charity conducted undercover investigations at Hogwood and Flat House Farms, both Red Tractor certified, documenting systemic animal welfare abuses. This raised questions about the effectiveness of certification schemes in ensuring animal welfare. Instagram

Environmental Breaches in Intensive Livestock Farms (April 2024)
The charity highlighted findings from the Bureau of Investigative Journalism revealing over 3,000 environmental breaches by intensive livestock farms in England, including illegal slurry discharges and improper carcass disposal. TBIJ

These investigations have not only exposed critical issues within factory and fish farming industries but have also led to tangible outcomes, including regulatory suspensions and increased public awareness. GBF continues to advocate for stronger regulations and greater transparency in these sectors.

Financial Overview - research and reporting costs were £243,285, undercover operational costs £28,635, and staff salaries £38,400, reflecting the scale and professional rigour of the work conducted.

Future Plans

Mowi Scotland – Loch Harport (May 2025)
The charity released undercover footage revealing workers at Mowi Scotland's Loch Harport salmon farm engaging in the mistreatment of live fish. This exposure led to the **suspension of the farm's RSPCA Assured certification**, placing its supply to major UK retailers under scrutiny and highlighting the need for stronger oversight across the sector.

The charity will continue to:

- **Conduct further undercover investigations** into factory and fish farming operations to expose animal welfare and environmental abuses.
- **Produce evidence-based reports and media campaigns** to drive regulatory and industry reforms.
- **Engage with policymakers, retailers, and the public** to advocate for stronger protections for marine and terrestrial animals.
- **Expand operational capacity for undercover investigations** to ensure continued impact and scalability.

Through these activities, the Green Britain Foundation aims to maintain a **high-impact, evidence-led approach**, promoting transparency, accountability, and the highest standards of animal welfare across the food industry.

4. Grants and Donations

Providing funding towards projects and initiatives designed to help reduce detrimental environmental impact and promote positive ways of helping create a green Britain.

During the year, the trustees approved grants to the following organisations, with all projects carefully reviewed and confirmed as compliant with the Green Britain Foundation's charitable objectives:

Mothers Manifesto – granted 22 July 2024
£10,000 was donated to support Mothers Manifesto in raising public awareness and encouraging political change to address the struggles faced by families impacted by the cost-of-living and fuel crises, while oil and gas companies continue to make record profits and receive tax breaks.

Naam Festival – granted 22 July 2024
£10,000 was donated to support Naam's six-month Creative Innovation Residency, designed to educate communities around Lake Victoria on pollution and environmental injustice, and to deliver advocacy training for the Naam team to strengthen engagement with local beneficiaries.

The Blue Lantern Project – granted 22 July 2024
£10,000 was donated to support the Blue Lantern Pilot Project in developing environmentally sustainable accommodation for homeless individuals in and around Gloucestershire.

Higginson Strategy – granted 31 July 2024
£20,000 was donated to support a campaign urging the UK Government to suspend its Free Trade Agreement with the Faroe Islands until the country ends the slaughter of whales and dolphins, known as the *grindadráp*.

Kate Strong – granted 31 July 2024
£5,000 was donated to support the River Taff clean-up challenge.

Rose's Special School – granted 31 July 2024
£10,000 was donated to support the upgrade and retrofit of St Martin's College buildings, improving accessibility for students and incorporating sustainable materials to reduce the college's carbon footprint and running costs.

Social Innovation for All – granted 20 August 2024
£26,664 was donated to support delivery of the Young Green Briton Challenge and National Awards, in collaboration with the Green Britain Foundation General Manager, to inspire and celebrate young people driving environmental action.

Keep It Wild CIC – granted 26 August 2024
£25,000 was donated to support the creation and expansion of a National Species Recovery Centre, helping to reintroduce rare and lost British wildlife species.

Northbay Innovations Ltd – granted 21 October 2024
£77,500 was donated to support the development of an innovative modular and transportable pre-settlement larval production unit (hatchery) to aid the reinstatement of self-sustaining oyster beds. The project acts as a replicable test bed for improving marine biodiversity, water filtration, and carbon sequestration.

South East London Community Energy (SELCE) – granted 1 November 2024
£18,000 was donated to support the installation of LED lighting in five local schools and a community centre (£8,000), and solar arrays on two further schools and two charity-run leisure centres (£10,000).

Climate Action and Support Pathway – granted 5 December 2024
£10,000 was donated to support the CASP Hardship Fund, which provides legal, financial, and emotional support to climate activists involved in the justice system.

River Action UK – granted 8 April 2025
£5,000 was donated to support River Action UK's legal work holding government, regulators, and industrial polluters to account, driving policy and practice changes to restore and protect UK rivers. Funds raised were matched through the Big Give Green Match Fund.

Impact Summary

Through its 2024–2025 grant-making programme, the Green Britain Foundation has enabled impactful action across climate justice, biodiversity restoration, and sustainable community development. These grants have helped catalyse innovation, amplify advocacy, and empower individuals and organisations to tackle environmental and social challenges at every level - from local communities to international policy. Together, they reflect the Foundation's enduring commitment to accelerating the transition to a fairer, greener Britain and inspiring lasting, systemic change.

Governance

Objective: to ensure the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively.

Throughout the year, comprehensive reviews of the operations and financial performance of the Green Britain Foundation, including the FGR Community Trust, have been overseen by the designated Trustee responsible for Governance, to include regular Finance Review Meetings and quarterly Board Meetings. All meetings are minuted and available for review.

Careful evaluation and review of all necessary procedures and policies have continued to be undertaken.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit in managing the decisions and activities of the charity.

The trustees are satisfied that these documents meet the needs of the charity, now and into the future.

Review of financial position at the end of the reporting period

The Charity was able to operate on existing funds in the year ending 30th April 2025 due to the donations received in 2023 of £8,182,847.

There was also an increase in expenditure on charitable activities to £1,406,463 (2024: £608,744) with £997,759 being unrestricted (2024: £327,120) and £408,704 being restricted (2024: £281,624). The increase was due primarily to a increase in the number and amount of grants payable and research & reports during the year.

The Charity's financial position as of 30 April 2025 is strong. Net assets have decreased to £6,728,195 from £7,849,966 in 2024. The charity has used a portion of its significant cash balance to purchase non-current assets in the year, including an investment in land at Downicary of £284,000. This, alongside the general operation of the charity, meant its cash reserves decreased to £3,436,235 (2024: £4,759,195). The purpose of the investment in land is elaborated under the main activities of the charity. The Charity does not hold any material financial investments as of 30 April 2025.

Reserves

In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the Charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.

The trustees propose to maintain the Charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months operational expenditure (approx. £405,000) and have done so having regard to its manner of operation of likely funding streams.

The Charity held funds totalling £6,728,195 (2024: £7,849,966) which includes £Nil (2024: £148,742) in the FGR Community reserve and £6,900 (2024: £5,900) in the Alveston Community Benefit Fund both of which are restricted. The Charity has committed expenditure into year-ending 30 April 2026 of £22,196 designated for the running of the Ministry of Eco Education programme and £1,672,591 for the acquisition of further land. Within unrestricted funds there is £3,391,466 (2024: £3,130,772) which is invested in fixed assets and is therefore not deemed to be liquid resources. Therefore, the Charity has free reserves of £1,635,042 (2024: £4,519,220).

The trustees of the Charity intend for the free reserves to be brought down in line with policy and to ensure that this cash is utilised in the Charities activities in line with its key objectives.

Post year end, the bank account was changed to a higher interest bank account to improve the utilisation of cash reserves.

Remaining unrestricted funds are to be used to support the ongoing running, governance and development of the Green Britain Foundation and help fund future operations and programmes that are consistent with the objectives of the Foundation

Principal Risks

Safeguarding

The Charity's activities involve working alongside vulnerable adults and children and is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment.

To mitigate against safeguarding risks, the Charity maintains a safeguarding policy which is regularly reviewed and is shared with all staff. Checks are conducted on all new employees who are required to have recent DBS disclosures. Safeguarding training is provided to staff upon induction and staff attend the FA Safeguarding Children workshop when deemed appropriate.

Third parties engaged by the charity undergo vigorous vetting and safeguarding checks to satisfy the Trust's policy.

Income generation

The Charity's income portfolio is not diverse and therefore the Charity is over-reliant on a few income streams.

FGR Community has relied on income from the Premier League and the English Football League (EFL) which is dependent on Forest Green Rovers Football Club's status as a member of the EFL and National League. The Club was relegated to the National League May 2024, affecting income streams for the coming year.

The Charity adapted the Trust's plans based on the income it was likely to receive from the Premier League, Premier League Fund and National League in 2024-25 and will continue to operate a similar approach for 2025-26. The Charity continues to maintain a reserves policy to protect against these reductions to income.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Green Britain Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to make themselves aware of that information.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 22/01/2026 Signed on behalf of the Board:

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Dale Vince OBE
Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members of Green Britain Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Green Britain Foundation (the "Charity") for the year ended 30 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 30 April 2025 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted out audit in accordance with international Standards in Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information

and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If based, on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable law requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the

preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with those charged with governance and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements of the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, pensions, environmental and health and safety legislation; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, inspecting legal correspondence and remaining alert during the audit for any indications of non-compliance.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of those charged with governance and other management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- testing journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigating the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other

management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state in them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joshua Kingston FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Burton Sweet Limited
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 22/01/2026

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	2	65,695	218,997	284,692	833,436
Total income		65,695	218,997	284,692	833,436
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	3	997,759	408,704	1,406,463	608,744
Total expenditure		997,759	408,704	1,406,463	608,744
Net income/(expenditure)	7	(932,064)	(189,707)	(1,121,771)	224,692
Transfer between funds	13	(41,965)	41,965	-	-
Net movement in funds		(974,029)	(147,742)	(1,121,771)	224,692
Total funds brought forward	13	7,695,324	154,642	7,849,966	7,625,274
Total funds carried forward	13	6,721,295	6,900	6,728,195	7,849,966

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 27 to 38 form part of these financial statements
See note 8 for comparative statement of financial activities figures.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2025

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Non-current assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**10**	3,391,466	3,130,772
		3,391,466	3,130,772
Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	45,753	90,118
Cash at bank		3,436,235	4,759,195
		3,481,988	4,849,313
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(145,259)	(130,119)
Net Current Assets		3,336,729	4,719,194
Net assets		6,728,195	7,849,966
Funds			
Restricted funds	**14**	6,900	154,642
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	**14**	1,694,787	45,332
General funds	**14**	5,026,508	7,649,992
		6,728,195	7,849,966

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102).

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 22/01/2026 and are signed on their behalf by:

……..
Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 27 to 38 form part of these financial statements

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	**16**	(983,502)	233,161
Non-operational cash flows:			
Payments for tangible fixed assets		(339,458)	(1,689,500)
		(339,458)	(1,689,500)
Net cash flow for the year		(1,322,960)	(1,456,339)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		4,759,195	6,215,534
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		3,436,235	4,759,195

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority.

In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 27 to 38 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider this an appropriate basis upon which to prepare the statements.

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Certain expenditure is directly attributable to specific activities and this has been included in those cost categories. Other costs, which are attributable to more than one category, are apportioned across cost categories on the basis of an assessment of workload carried out from time to time.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. This includes such items as external scrutiny, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory matters.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land, starting the month after acquisition over their estimated useful lives as follows:
Freehold land - no depreciation
Vehicle - 3 years straight line

h) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	-	38,879	38,879
Public bodies	-	8,733	8,733
Charities and trusts	10,000	156,015	166,015
Donations in kind	55,695	-	55,695
Individuals	-	15,370	15,370
	65,695	218,997	284,692

Prior year comparative	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	13,662	69,105	82,767
Public bodies	-	47,682	47,682
Charities and trusts	-	150,944	150,944
Donations in kind	532,800	-	532,800
Individuals	10	19,233	19,243
	546,472	286,964	833,436

The donation in kind relates to donated land, facilities and services gifted to the foundation from Ecotricity Group Limited.

3 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Grants payables (note 5)	237,164	13,380
Wages and salaries (note 6)	293,293	232,203
Other staff costs	20,071	30,402
Marketing	26,109	18,232
Legal and professional fees	7,868	7,720
Consultancy fees	137,232	198,266
Premises insurance	6,845	4,012
Rent and rates	25,888	10,806
Event costs	33,323	29,368
Postage and stationery	-	183
Bank charges	147	206
Bad debt written off	80,909	1,684
Software, licences and support	36,314	26,770
Catering Supplies	9,114	443
Equipment	19,305	157
Land Management	30,826	10,474
Animal Reintroduction and Control	4,470	-
Research and reports	243,285	-
Boat Maintenance	72,196	-
Other	26,805	-
Depreciation	78,764	-
Governance costs	16,535	24,438
	1,406,463	608,744

By activity	Grants payable (note 5) £	Direct costs £	Staff costs (note 6) £	Support costs (note 4) £	Total 2025 £
FGR community	10,000	148,464	245,240	26,739	430,443
Education	26,664	141,468	-	25,478	193,610
Marine Protection	-	159,025	-	28,640	187,665
Land Stewardship/ Rewilding	-	50,074	23,298	9,018	82,390
Campaign and reports	-	243,285	24,755	43,815	311,855
Grants	200,500	-	-	-	200,500
	237,164	742,316	293,293	133,690	1,406,463

4 Support Costs

	Total
	£
Other Staff Costs	6,869
Consultancy fees	28,412
Premises insurance	3,995
Rent and rates	12,866
Event costs	733
Bank Charges	112
Software, licences and support	36,314
Equipment	1,727
Other	26,127
Governance Costs	16,535
Total Support Costs	133,690

5 Grants Payable

Total grant commitments made in the year	**2025**	2024
	£	£
Grants to organisation based in the United Kingdom:		
North Bay Innovations Ltd	77,500	-
Higgingson PR Ltd	20,000	-
Climate Action and Support Pathway	10,000	-
Students Organising for Sustainability UK	-	5,000
Shindig Productions Ltd	-	4,380
North Wales Hunt Saboteurs	-	3,000
Alveston Jubilee Hall Management Committee	-	1,000
Kate Strong Mass World	5,000	-
Keep it Wild CIC	25,000	-
Mothers Manifesto	10,000	-
Naam Festival	10,000	-
River Action UK	5,000	-
Rose's Special School	10,000	-
Skatepark	10,000	-
Social Innovation for All	26,664	-
South East London Community Energy	18,000	-
The Blue Lantern Project	10,000	-
Total grants payable (Note 3)	237,164	13,380

6 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	255,296	203,435
Social Security costs	24,876	4,012
Pension costs	13,121	10,503
Redundancy costs	-	14,253
	293,293	232,203

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

The average number of employees during the year was 11 (2024: 17).

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees and the Head of FGR Community. The total employee benefits received by key management personnel was £75,738 (2024: £53,439).

Other than as disclosed in note 17, no remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was either paid or payable for the current or prior period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or previous period.

7 Net income/(expenditure)

	2025	2024
Net income is stated after charging:	£	£
Depreciation	78,764	-
Auditor's remuneration		
- current year fee	13,020	11,880
- accounts preparation	3,180	2,880
- under accrual in previous year	-	9,678

8 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income from:			
Donations and grants	546,472	286,964	833,436
Total income	546,472	286,964	833,436
Expenditure on:			
Charitable activities	327,120	281,624	608,744
Total expenditure	327,120	281,624	608,744
Net income/(expenditure)	219,352	5,340	224,692
Transfer between funds	10,300	(10,300)	-
Net movement in funds	229,652	(4,960)	224,692
Total funds brought forward	7,465,672	159,602	7,625,274
Total funds carried forward	7,695,324	154,642	7,849,966

9 Investments

FGR Community

The investment in FGR Community was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of FGR Community, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, FGR Community is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

FGR Community was dormant with no activity going through the company for the year ended 30 April 2025 (2024: £Nil).

At 30 April 2025 FGR Community held no members' funds (2024: £Nil).

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land	Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 May 2024	2,850,772	280,000	3,130,772
Additions	291,547	47,911	339,458
At 30 April 2025	3,142,319	327,911	3,470,230
Depreciation			
At 1 May 2024	-	-	-
Depreciation charge	-	78,764	78,764
At 30 April 2025	-	78,764	78,764
Net book value			
At 30 April 2025	3,142,319	249,147	3,391,466
At 30 April 2024	2,850,772	280,000	3,130,772

11 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade debtors	6,900	70,634
Prepayments and accrued income	20,853	1,484
Other debtors	18,000	18,000
	45,753	90,118

12 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	3,172	29,651
Accruals and deferred income	58,403	31,184
Taxation and social security	-	94
Other creditors	83,684	69,190
	145,259	130,119

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2025 £
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	148,742	207,097	(403,704)	47,865	-
Alveston Community Benefit	5,900	6,900	-	(5,900)	6,900
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	154,642	218,997	(408,704)	41,965	6,900
Unrestricted funds					
Ministry of Eco Education	37,334	-	(113,642)	98,504	22,196
Marine Protection	-	-	(159,025)	159,025	-
Land Stewardship / Rewilding	-	-	(49,596)	1,722,187	1,672,591
Campaign and Reports	-	-	(259,575)	259,575	-
Young Green Briton Challenge	7,998	-	(7,998)	-	-
General funds	7,649,992	65,695	(407,923)	(2,281,256)	5,026,508
	7,695,324	65,695	(997,759)	(41,965)	6,721,295
	7,849,966	284,692	(1,406,463)	-	6,728,195

Restricted Fund Descriptions

FGR Community

Funds within the Green Britain Foundation which are restricted for FGR Community are restricted according to our funder stipulations, for the delivery of our programmatic work such as the Premier League KICKs and Primary Stars programmes, funded by the Premier League Charitable Foundation -and our community outreach work funded by local strategic partners such as Nailsworth Town Council and Stroud District Council.

Alveston Community Benefit

Funds within the GBF for our ‘Community Benefit’ donation programme are allocated strictly for the issue of grants to the Alveston Community. Grant applications are called for on an annual basis. All applications and projects are reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees, with funds issued annually, as deemed in-line with the GBF’s charitable aims. During the year Alverston Wind Park Limited gave permission to use the brought forward restricted funds for general purposes. This is reflected through a transfer in funds.

The Football Association

Funds received from the Football Association are restricted to football related expenditure, such as matchday catering supplies. The transfer in the prior year relates to expenditure for football activities out of the FGR Community funds.

13 Movement in funds (Continued)

Ministry of Eco Education
Funds received for Ministry of Eco Education as described within designated funds below.

Designated Fund Descriptions
Ministry of Eco Education
The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the school curriculum. The team has curated the resources and linked activities and opportunities from more than 200 organisations into a single framework and approach, saving teachers time and helping them build then embed sustainability learning across their existing curriculum.

The part-time team of one Education Lead and three Regional Coordinators and one Volunteer Coordinator have been guiding the learning journey throughout the 24-25 year, using big questions framed across seven key environmental themes: Energy, Transport, Food, Nature, Waste and Water and Society with all the resources housed on a bespoke website with a unique log-in for each teacher. The Green Britain Foundation is funding this programme to advance the education and learning of young people to help them become Young Green Britons, able to have agency in changing the way we all live for the better.

Young Green Briton Challenge
The Young Green Briton Challenge (YGBC) is part funded by the Green Britain Foundation. It's been developed and delivered in partnership with Social Innovation for All, Volunteers for Future (now known as GenEarth) and the Ministry of Eco Education to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action in a secondary educational setting. The project's mission is to bring climate education, innovation and entrepreneurship into schools, empowering young people to create a greener world. The Challenge combines sustainability education with innovation, business and citizenship – building essential transferable skills for students aged 11-ideas for local climate action ventures, benefiting students, their wider community, and the planet.

This continued until 30 April 2024. From 1 May 24 to 30 April 25, the Young Green Briton Challenge was paid for via a grant and therefore not a fund of Green Britain Foundation.

Campaign and Reports
(Policy, Campaigns and Advocacy)

The GBF commissioned research and reports to provide evidence-based insights and practical solutions for sustainable living - from grassroots initiatives to wider policy influence - helping to shape a more environmentally responsible Britain and in the latter part of the financial year appointed an Undercover Investigations Officer responsible for commissioning undercover filming and the publication of exposes in relation to factory and fish farming to expose the way animals are treated and the impact this has on their health, welfare and the environment.

13 Movement in funds (Continued)

Land Stewardship/Rewilding
GBF continued to prioritise the management and expansion of its woodland portfolio to enhance biodiversity, support natural regeneration and increase carbon sequestration. During the year, the charity managed key sites in Wales (Cwm Uchaf Mountain), Gloucestershire (land near Nympsfield) and Sussex (Bowyer's Wood).

In September 2024, GBF expanded its landholdings with the purchase of Downicary, Devon (11.5 ha). The site is being restored through wetland creation, native tree planting and meadow establishment, with expert support from Derek Gow Consultancy.

In January 2025, Chris Perkins was appointed Land Manager to lead rewilding and nature recovery work, including woodland management planning, ecological surveys, tree safety, a beaver reintroduction licence, and public access management.

At the year-end the trustees designated aside additional funds for land purchases, stewarding and rewilding in the coming financial year.

Marine Protection
In March 2025, GBF ended the lease of its patrol vessel Nemesis from the Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK to focus on its own marine conservation programme, Fish Net Zero, which delivers ghost gear retrieval and wider ocean protection work. This included the purchase of a RIB, Banshee, and essential equipment to operate on the west coast of Scotland.

Prior year comparative

	At 1 May 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2024 £
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	148,477	275,064	(275,624)	825	148,742
Alveston Community Benefit	10,300	6,900	(1,000)	(10,300)	5,900
The Football Association	825	-	-	(825)	-
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	159,602	286,964	(281,624)	(10,300)	154,642
Unrestricted funds					
Ministry of Eco Education	-	-	(74,361)	111,695	37,334
Young Green Briton Challenge	-	-	(41,056)	49,054	7,998
General funds	7,465,672	546,472	(211,703)	(150,449)	7,649,992
	7,465,672	546,472	(327,120)	10,300	7,695,324
	7,625,274	833,436	(608,744)	-	7,849,966

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2025 £
Restricted funds	-	6,900	6,900
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	-	1,694,787	1,694,787
General funds	3,391,466	1,635,042	5,026,508
	3,391,466	3,336,729	6,728,195

Prior year comparative	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2024 £
Restricted funds	-	154,642	154,642
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	-	45,332	45,332
General funds	3,130,772	4,519,220	7,649,992
	3,130,772	4,719,194	7,849,966

15 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

16 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Statement of Financial Activities: Net movement in funds	(1,121,771)	224,692
Increase / (decrease) in creditors: current liabilities	15,140	28,543
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	44,365	(20,074)
Depreciation	78,764	-
Net cash flow from operating activities	(983,502)	233,161

17 Related party transactions

Helen Taylor, a trustee, is a director and majority share holder of One Blue Marble who invoices for the provision of services. One Blue Marble manages the governance of The Green Britain Foundation and supports the operational running of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary - entitled FGR Community. This is permitted under the governing document (Articles of Association) for the Charity.

Dale Vince, a trustee, is a director and majority shareholder of the following entities from which Green Britain Foundation transacts with:
Ecotricity Group Limited
Forest Green Rovers
Alveston Wind Park Limited

During the year Green Britain Foundation had the following related party transactions:

	Income 2025 £	**Expenditure 2025 £**	Income 2024 £	Expenditure 2024 £
One Blue Marble	-	24,566	-	12,946
Ecotricity Group Limited (Donation)	55,695	-	532,800	-
Forest Green Rovers	20,853	17,228	58,644	-
Alveston Wind Park Limited	6,900	-	6,900	-
	83,448	41,794	598,344	12,946

Included at the year end are the following balances owed by related parties:

	Creditors £	**Debtors £**	**2025 Total £**
One Blue Marble	-	-	-
Forest Green Rovers	(83,685)	20,853	(62,832)
Alveston Wind Park Limited	-	6,900	6,900
	(83,685)	27,753	(55,932)

	Creditors £	**Debtors £**	**2024 Total £**
One Blue Marble	(429)	-	(429)
Forest Green Rovers	(72,801)	57,644	(15,157)
Alveston Wind Park Limited	-	6,900	6,900
	(73,230)	64,544	(8,686)

18 Post Balance Sheet Event

After the year-end the charity purchased Woolpack Farm and Courtlands Woods from designated funds at an accumulated cost of £917,091. This land will be use for rewilding purposes in line with the charitable objectives.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Green Britain Foundation
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Company number	08121843
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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2024, which also comprises of the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative information, as set out on page one, form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Green Britain Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 12 August 2019, as amended 29 March 2022, and is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1148783) from 31 August 2012. Date of incorporation was the 27 June 2012.

In the event of the company being wound up, the member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. The trustees are all individuals.

The charity is a company and charity and follows the legislation pertaining to both.

Appointment of trustees and key management personnel

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are invited to join the board. The trustees who served in the reporting period were Dale Vince, Helen Taylor and Dahlia Nahome, with no changes during the year, or in the period between the year-end and the approval of the accounts.

The governing document allows for a minimum of two trustees and there are currently three.

In appointing trustees and key personnel, the charity follows the Charity Commission guidelines and specifically:

- Identifies the need
- Agrees the skills and experiences we require and create a person and role specification
- Agrees an open process of recruitment
- Ensures that the charity opens the opportunity to a diverse range of candidates
- Interviews against the criteria the charity has identified, in a fair and objective manner
- Invites preferred candidates to join subject to references
- Obtains written confirmation that candidates are eligible in law to be trustees
- Asks candidates to declare conflicts of interest
- If to be a renumerated role, competitive rates within the charity sector will be paid, reflecting the nature and complexity of the role and consistent with the charity's charitable objectives and what we can afford

- Formalises the appointment in line with the charity's governing document
- The chair writes to candidates setting out their duties and responsibilities as trustees and directors or delegates this to the General Manager
- A formal induction process is undertaken
- Trustees are formally welcomed to the board
- The decision is ratified at the next AGM

At the Annual General Meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment. Helen Taylor retires as a trustee at the next Annual General Meeting but is eligible for reappointment.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which shall include no less than two members, administers the charity. The trustee board comprises of three trustees.

The Charity comprises the wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, delivering outreach programmes aligned to the football club, Forest Green Rovers FC, in accordance with the Articles of Association. The FGR Community board comprises three directors: two independent directors and one representing Forest Green Rovers FC. The board meet at least three times a year, with separate sub-committees responsible for operations, human resources, finance, governance and outreach updates.

A Head of FGR Community, as appointed by the trustees, manages the day-to-day operations of FGR Community. A General Manager is appointed by the trustees to run the day-to-day operations of the Green Britain Foundation, as a whole.

Risk management

The trustees are aware that a key risk is the safeguarding of children and adults, including GDPR measures, that are particularly relevant to FGR Community's programme delivery within the community. A safeguarding culture has been instilled throughout the organisation from top to bottom, with stringent processes and training in place.

Staff and volunteers understand the importance of safeguarding and the appropriate action that is required to ensure FGR Community provides a safe environment for its service users. FGR Community has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, as well as a further support, in the form of a Safeguarding Forum managed by Forest Green Rovers Football Club – with a designated Safeguarding lead on the Board of Directors of FGR Community.

The finances of the Green Britain Foundation are monitored closely by the General Manager and reviewed in accordance with the charity's reserves policy.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purpose of the charity is as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects are for the benefit of the public generally, both in the United Kingdom and overseas:

a) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health
c) To provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life
d) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by providing facilities and activities in an environmentally friendly way and which demonstrates the benefits of the physical and natural environment
e) To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit, in accordance with the law of charity and in particular in relation to the protection of the physical and natural environment.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes during the year

The Green Britain Foundation serves to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint, while also using the power of football and other outreach activities to improve the lives of people through their participation in sport and education.

The Foundation's objectives for year-ending 30 April 2024, encompassed six main goals:

1. **Environmental Education –** Engaging young people in the solutions towards a greener Britain, through the provision of environmentally focused teaching resources able to be inter-woven into current lessons by teachers for primary and secondary schools and the scaling up of the 'Green Briton Challenge' providing the opportunity for secondary school students to research and create their solutions to climate change – with support to enable them to bring their projects to life.

2. **Environmental campaigning** - through the purchase of a boat to lend to support the protection of marine life and increase the biodiversity of the ocean.

3. **Research and reporting** of substantial evidence, pointing to practical solutions to living a greener lifestyle from a grassroots to wider policy, perspective.

4. **Using the power of sport to empower and improve lives through:**

    - **Environment and sustainability** - Increasing awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action through the lens of sport
    - **Sport and Recreation** – Engaging people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport
    - **Health and Wellbeing** – Promoting healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing

- **Inclusion and Community Cohesion** – Providing the opportunity for people and communities facing common barriers to come together under the umbrella of football
- **Education and employability** – Educating, motivating, and inspiring people to learn of opportunities through the power of sport to help them fulfil their potential and consider their impact on their wider community and the environment.

5. **Grants** – Supporting ways that people can reduce their environmental impact.

6. **Taking land back to Nature** – The purchase of woodland to enhance and increase biodiversity through natural regeneration and the sequestration of carbon.

All the above programmes have been managed while ensuring the operations of the Foundation/Trust were run efficiently and effectively.

The board of trustees continues to be satisfied that the activities of the Green Britain Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, satisfactorily meet the Charity Commission public benefit requirements.

Further information within the achievements and performance section of this report provides details of the work undertaken to meet these aims and objectives.

Thanks to the success of various funding bids and collaborative working with other community partners, FGR Community (also known as 'the Trust') has continued to serve as a central part of the community over this reporting period.

The board is grateful to Ecotricity Group Limited for its significant unrestricted funds gifted in April 2022 towards grants made, the purchase of land and the running of the Foundation.

The Group's unrestricted funding from 2022 has been used to continue to fund the Foundation's education activities including the ongoing development and implementation of the Ministry of Eco Education programme, with additional funding gifted by the legal firm, TLT LLP for this. These funds have also supported a second full year of running the Young Green Briton Challenge, the creation of two reports produced in this year, the purchase of a boat for loan to the Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK and the purchase of land for rewilding and the ongoing maintenance and ecological survey work necessary to support the upkeep and regeneration of the parcels of land owned by the Green Britain Foundation.

Remaining unrestricted funds have been used to support the ongoing running and development of the Green Britain Foundation. The surplus has been held for helping fund future operations and programmes that are consistent with the objectives of the Foundation.

The Foundation is very grateful to Ecotricity Group Limited for the gift of two parcels of land: 23.33 hectares in Wales (Cwm Uchaf Mountain) and 16.62 hectares in Gloucestershire (Nymspfield) for the purposes of enhancing biodiversity in this reporting period.

Significant funding has also been received from the English Football League Trust, to support the running of FGR Community and ongoing development of the Trust. The Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) has also continued to fund FGR Community's ability to run the

Premier League Primary Stars programme throughout the Gloucestershire area and the Trust's second year of running the Premier League Kicks programme, as referenced below. The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) has funded a programme of activity involving Forest Green Rovers FC players attending school visits and engaging with the community. FGR Community has also continued to be able to host a Community Development role within the immediate vicinity of Forest Green Rovers F.C thanks to the three-year funding from Build Back Better (County Councillor funds) and a Community Wellbeing Grant, as secured in 2022, along with funding from Nailsworth County Council, the Clinical Commission Group, Gloucestershire County Council and some community funding partner funding.

The Board of trustees is grateful to all those who have granted funds, including the continued funding support from several businesses who have formed partnerships with the Trust to achieve some powerful additional community engagement. Thanks go to companies: Candriam, Grundon, Parkers, ADEY, Memorial Woodlands, Filtration, Zest, GBO and Doddl.

The Board used a proportion of its reserves from year-ending April 2023 to bring in an external consultant (iWonder Group) to help advise on the next phase of development and strategy for FGR Community. This helped to ensure an even more targeted and focussed approach to the Trust's delivery according to funds available throughout the year, making the Trust more efficient and beneficial to the immediate and wider community. The Trust also appointed a new Head of the FGR Community who took over this leadership in November 2023.

Key Developments and Achievements

The following developments and achievements have been delivered over the course of this financial year:

1. Environmental Education

1.1 The Ministry of Eco Education

Aim

The vision of the Ministry of Eco Education (MEE) is an education system with sustainability at its core. Its mission is to support teachers with integrating sustainability across their curriculum by the ongoing development and embedding of free to use environmental educational resources. The team support teachers to implement these resources. The total amount of designated funds allocated to these activities for the 2023-24 academic year, ending August 2024 was £111,995, with £37,334 spend carried over into the first four months of the 2024-25 financial year.

Background

The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the curriculum.

Paul Turner (Curriculum Author and Education Lead) has guided and supported the development of a cross curricular eco curriculum from the outset taking the seeds of ideas established by Minchinhampton Primary Academy near Stroud and developing this into a holistic curriculum available for schools to use for free across the country.

In 2021 to 2022, the programme was piloted with 15 primary schools, from across the country, to investigate the impact of the MEE approach and framework. During this time, relationships were built with a variety of organisations operating in the education for sustainability space.

By the start of the 2023 academic year, the team increased to include two regional coordinators (Mery Batchelder, in the North and Tom Walmsley in the South West), with administrative support from Nirvan Yarger, based in London supporting Paul.

To-date, the MEE team has curated the resources and linked activities and opportunities from more than 200 organisations into a single framework and approach, inspired by the Foundation's vision for a 'Green Britain'. MEE saves teachers time and energy by helping them integrate the very best sustainability learning across their existing curriculum. The Ministry of Eco Education guides learning journeys using big questions framed across seven key environmental themes: Energy, Transport, Food, Nature, Waste and Water and Society.

One key aim of this programme is for it to remain free for all teachers to use.

Achievements

During the academic year 2023 to 2024, the Ministry of Eco Education, made up of four part time staff:

- Supported changes to green the curriculum for more than 300,000 teachers across 11,000 education establishments, from early years to college.
- Provided training for more than 10,000 teachers across in-person and online formats, including running their own events such as the Eco Ed series and national events such as the National Education Union Annual Conference.
- Created 80 videos for YouTube totalling more than 18 hours of content, sharing best practice and helping communicate academic research about sustainability with teachers.
- Delivered in-person and online events, bringing together thousands of people with passion and enthusiasm to create a green education system.
- Created more than 70 bridging documents for regions across the UK, including all London Boroughs, and local authorities such as Somerset, Hampshire and Kent. These bridging documents connect the MEE framework with local examples of sustainability and help teachers to localise their education on sustainability.

The team's key achievements included:

- The engagement of 11,185 Schools & Colleges
- Working with 4,588,540 Young People and 308,270 Teachers
- The creation of 64 Enquiry Questions
- The delivery of 712 Lessons
- Connecting teachers and their pupils with resources from 200+ Partner Organisations
- The production of 80 Supporting Videos
- The sharing of 1,000,000 Social Media Impressions

Impact

The MEE team continue to see an impact on the school community through the Nature Connection Index, as well as teacher feedback and comments from young people, parents and governors.

Schools engaging with the Ministry of Eco Education approach and framework have been experiencing:

- An increase in nature connection
- An increase in pro environmental behaviours
- An increase in young people's positive engagement with local community
- Teachers feel more supported and confident
- An increase in young people's knowledge and understanding
- An increase in feelings of hope for positive change

Future Plans

The key goals of the Ministry of Eco Education going forward are to:

- Inspire and motivate educators to integrate sustainability into their teaching.
- Curate the best resources that save teachers time and energy in implementing environmental education.
- Promote environmental education initiatives or opportunities from external organisations.
- Offer professional development and disseminate the latest academic research on environmental education
- Foster partnerships between schools and local communities to support sustainability efforts.
- Encourage collaboration among educators, schools, and organisations within the environmental education landscape.
- Connect classroom learning with real-world environmental issues and solutions.
- Share the vision for a Green Britain and advocate for a sustainable future.
- Facilitate community and action through a growing network of Activators
- Support young people to take action and become agents of change.

The MEE team will support schools to better celebrate and shout about their engagement with this programme by creating a short list of actions for schools to "complete" to achieve their sustainable MEE school status. The team also plan to create a case study template to share examples of schools and how they have been influenced by the MEE approach.

Over the past three years, the MEE team have connected with a variety of passionate people which they intend to formally recognise as a network of activators. The network will engage people as volunteers to connect with schools and support them in creating a green Britain. The network will provide mutual support and opportunities for sharing and be led by Activators.

The team will assemble and engage with partners from the food and education sectors to create a cohesive campaign to help rally schools to understand the benefit of plant-based foods, to help influence more sustainable eating habits by children. The campaign will involve video content, interviews, workshops and activation activities introducing schools to plant-based meals.

Having reached half of all schools in England the MEE team aim to connect with all schools, providing curriculum support and space for all teachers to embed sustainability into education.

1.2 The Young Green Briton Challenge

The Young Green Briton Challenge (YGBC), funded by the Green Britain Foundation was developed and delivered in partnership with Social Innovation for All, Volunteers for Future (now known as GenEarth), I Have a Voice and the Ministry of Eco Education to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action in a secondary educational setting.

The project's mission is to bring climate education, innovation and entrepreneurship into schools, empowering young people to create a greener world. The Challenge combines sustainability education with innovation, business and citizenship – building essential transferable skills for students aged 11-14. Students learnt about climate change within their communities before working in teams to develop ideas for local climate action ventures, benefiting students, their wider community and the planet.

In the first pilot year, sixteen schools took part across the country, culminating in a Young Green Briton Challenge national final awards ceremony hosted at the House of Lords. The team worked with eighteen schools in this reporting period, to fit with the funding available. The Green Britain Foundation allocated £49,054 to this for the 2023-24 academic year and carried over a spend of £7,998 to cover these costs into the 2024-25 financial year.

Each school group was mentored by volunteer mentors with a background in campaigning, design, innovation or experience of setting up their own enterprise to support teams of young people. Over a four-month period they supported the students to help them develop their ideas from concept through to prototype to implementation. This involved encouraging and facilitating collaboration amongst team members, and promoting an inclusive working environment, as well as regularly monitoring students' progress and working in partnership with the teachers to ensure that the students behaved respectfully to one another.

Achievements:

Eighteen diverse state and special schools across England joined the Challenge in 2023-2024:

- 3175 students aged 11-14 created over six hundred ideas for local climate solutions.
- 90% of students felt they learnt important skills for their future and 73% enjoyed participating in the YGBC design workshops.
- YGBC achieved Level 3 Skills Builder accreditation with students reported particularly strong gains in problem solving, listening to other people's perspectives and teamwork.
- 81% of students feel hopeful that they can make a positive contribution to addressing climate change.
- 600 climate action ideas were created, of which 50 were put into action.
- 70 student-led climate action ideas received seed funding, collectively reaching 16,000 people.
- Our YGBC ambassadors selected eight teams to receive a further £4000 investment.
- 35 sector expert volunteers from 10+ external organisations mentored students in project design, development and implementation.

- All came together to celebrate the National Finalists at an event hosted at City Hall at the invitation of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

Examples of projects taken forward include:

- The Hive Heroes from Stroud High School are saving bees by activating young people to restore biodiversity. They partnered with local primary schools to educate students about the importance of bees and biodiversity, and how they can act. The workshops included fun activities like “Bee Bingo,” quizzes & fact hunts and making seed bombs, with prizes. They have received lots of positive feedback from students and hope to activate more schools and young people.

- Team B&C Sportswear from Bristol Free School were inspired by the bamboo football shirts worn by Forest Green Rovers FC and are now campaigning for more eco-friendly PE kits at school.

- The Fashion Frogs from Corbridge Middle School in Northumberland are tackling clothing waste. School uniforms are costly to manufacture and very costly to the environment if thrown away. The Fashion Frogs have set up a clothing bank and uniform sale at their school. Once unwanted uniforms can now have a new life. Any uniforms that were not sold were transformed by hand into adorable Corbridge teddy bears. The team are continuing to expand their impact at their school and help other schools to run their own clothing banks.

- The LITTERALLY Project was brought to life by the students at St. Vincent’s Special School, tackling the huge litter problem they were experiencing in Liverpool. The students took to local greenspaces and organised several litter picks, advocating on social media for others to start picking up litter in their own communities. This was a learning curve for many as the students were able to convey that stray litter in public spaces poses a big hazard to those who are visually impaired and cannot see obstructions in their path.

The YGBC volunteer community played a vital role in the delivery of this program. The team were thrilled to work with such a vibrant network of talent and expertise in sustainability, encompassing areas like future fashion, plant- based food, green technology, and clean energy. Each volunteer contributed their time and energy to enhance the YGBC student experience by exemplifying green careers and showcasing real-world sustainability practices. In return, volunteers gain new skills, build confidence, and expand their professional networks while driving social impact for their organisations.

Impact and Student feedback

- 83% improved their problem-solving skills - “I enjoyed that we had fun working together to solve a problem at the same time as helping the planet.”
- 82% got better at listening to other perspective - “I learned how to work together as a team and to listen to everyone’s ideas and get everyone involved.”
- 80% got better at working in a team - “I enjoyed working as a team. It was fun and improved my leadership and group skills.”
- 75% got better at coming up with ideas - “There was a lot of creativity involved. I liked this because it gave more freedom than just being told what to do.”
- ”73% got more confident at sharing their ideas - “I learnt presentation skills and thinking of ideas in order to compare their pros and cons.”

Teacher feedback

Teachers and students found the mentoring invaluable in offering practical guidance for tackling key climate issues. Both groups noted that students’ self-confidence grew as they refined their ideas.

- “Participating in YGBC has been one of the highlights of the academic year! Our students have greatly benefited from the opportunity to develop core skills such as teamwork, presenting and confidence. They have learnt a huge amount whilst developing their projects, including finance, budgeting, marketing and product design.” Head of Geography

- “It brings joy to learning and gives young people agency to become changemakers. This has a positive impact on both the school and wider community.” Science Subject Leader

Mentors experienced pride and hope in empowering students through YGBC:

- “Our mentor helped us learn how to work through problems by taking a different approach.” Student

- “It's really valuable for them to hear different opinions and advice from what they usually get because they see a different perspective. It's also really positive for them to see the types of jobs/careers involved in sustainability.” Head of Geography

- “I got so much from YGBC. I learned new mentoring skills, connected with other volunteers who also share the same interest for environment. And most importantly, I could explore the view of the young generation about the sustainability topic. I'd encourage everyone to volunteer with YGBC.” YGBC Volunteer

Teachers also cited how valuable the volunteers were, not just for the skills they brought specifically to YGBC, but also the fact they were able to share their jobs and backgrounds with large groups of students, bringing both known and unknown green jobs to life.

Future plans

The YGBC is leveraging a design thinking mindset and constantly evolving the programme, using feedback from their stakeholders (students, teachers, volunteers and partners). Along with refining and adapting the model and our resources they have some exciting new plans.

In 2024-25 YGBC is aiming to nearly double in size, working with almost twice as many schools and students. To enable this the aim is to be working with new partners - businesses, trusts and foundations and local government.

As this programme grows the team will be building an innovative scaling model. It is felt that it is possible to maximise YGBC's impact through building regional networks of schools, businesses, community organisations and local government. To enable rapid scale the team are starting to partner with local organisations and facilitators, building a 'social franchise' style model. In 2024-25 they will focus growth in the South East, the North West & North East.

There are clear benefits for students of project based, youth-led learning, but it is challenging for schools to dedicate curriculum time. One solution is to link YGBC to accredited Project Qualifications. During 2024-25 one of the schools will be joining a Pearson EdExcel pilot of Higher Project Qualifications and the team will be testing linking YGBC to an accredited qualification.

The Green Britain Foundation intends to continue to financially support the Young Green Briton Challenge in the forthcoming year and support the development and execution of this, seeing this as an important integration to the work being conducted by the Ministry of Eco Education team in helping equip young people to cope and adapt to the challenges of climate change.

2. Environmental campaigning

In support of the Captain Paul Watson Foundation UK, the Green Britain Foundation decided to purchase a boat to enable the CPWF UK to conduct more ocean based non-violent campaigns against the commercial whaling that persists in Iceland and the mass slaughter of whales and dolphins, conducted as routine whenever a pod is spotted in Faroese waters. The boat with the capacity to sleep four will also be used for tracking illegal fishing trawlers and undertake smaller collaborative projects, with other marine based organisations, in UK waters. The boat was purchased for £250,000 in August 2023, it was then painted and been maintained and services at a cost of £30,000. CPWF UK contributed £10,000 to the paintwork costs.

3. Research and Reports

One of the key objectives of the Green Britain Foundation is to help people learn how to create a greener, more sustainable and resilient Britain – this includes the gathering of substantiated evidence for reports to help create pathways towards change. The Foundation invested £45,000 with Carbon Jacked, an independent advisory business, to undertake the research for two reports this year:

a) The Code for Sustainable Homes – published January 2024

This report compared the energy efficiency of a Level 6 home (the highest standard under the Code for Sustainable Homes and equivalent to a 'zero carbon home') versus the average new build home after the Code was scrapped. The Code for Sustainable Homes (the Code) was first launched in 2006 as a voluntary national standard for the design and construction of new homes. It was the intention of the previous Labour Government that by 2016 all homes would be 'zero carbon' homes. The Code was scrapped by the government in 2015.

The Conservative Government's decision to scrap the Code for Sustainable Homes in 2015 has led to higher household energy bills due to a weakening of building standards for energy efficiency. The result was £2.6bn added to the energy bills of new build homes between 2015-2022. In other words, the Government cost households £2.6bn by scrapping the Code.

This has meant that new build homes in the UK are almost always built to a lower standard of sustainability and energy efficiency than otherwise, which in turn led to greater energy use and higher energy bills. The full report can be read here: Report-SustainableHomesCode.pdf

b) The Cost of Cutting the Green Crap – the impact on the nation's energy bills – published July 2024

This report focused on evaluating the repercussions of banning onshore wind, the removal of financial support for domestic solar, scrapping home insulation support schemes and scrapping the Zero Carbon standard for newbuild homes and highlighting the impact on the UK's energy bills as a result of these four measures.

Findings showed that in 2023 the total additional cost on the nation's energy bills for that year was £5 billion. The worst affected homes paid £1,500 more that year for their energy than they would have if these cuts had not been made. People in new build homes (built in the last decade) typically paid £700 more for their energy than they would have. Typical energy bills in 2023 were £2,750. The worst affected households saw their energy bills more than double, compared to what they would have been. While those living in new build homes saw a one third increase. The full report can be read here: GBF-Report-CuttingTheGreenCrap-v12.pdf

4. Using the power of sport to empower and improve lives.

FGR Community exists to educate, motivate and inspire through football. Its programmes make a positive impact across Gloucestershire and beyond.

Sport and Recreation

Aim: Engaging people of different ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation.

The Trust delivered paid for football camp sessions throughout the school holidays for children aged five to thirteen, accommodating mixed abilities and participants from diverse backgrounds. The primary aim was to provide a safe space for everyone to enjoy football for fun and encourage children to become more active.

While participants had the opportunity to enhance their football skills, this was not the key focus of the sessions. Additionally, the camps served as a platform to educate children about the football club's green credentials and ethos and introduce them to vegan food, possibly for the first time, helping them explore new dietary options.

Achievements and Impact

976 young people attended the Community Trust's football camps:

- 133 attended through the Community Trust's free school meal places
- 86 attended the Community Trust's girls-only sessions

Attendance was good, showing their popularity, also acknowledging the Trust is within a relatively rurally isolated location.

The Trust ensured that free places were available for children on free school meals or for families who may have been struggling to afford the fees. This ensured that these children had access to opportunities they might not otherwise experience and meant their parents did not have to worry about feeding their children on camp days.

It was noticed that there was an increase in the number of girls attending the sessions. The girls-only sessions proved particularly popular, with more girls participating in the mixed sessions, and several attending as a group from local football clubs.

Health & Wellbeing

Aim: Promoting healthy behaviours and encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing.

The Trust's health and wellbeing initiatives expanded significantly over this reporting period year.

The team collaborated with Forest Green Rovers FC's club partner, Allmanhall, a food procurement company and hosted community cook-alongs. These sessions were designed for entire families to visit the stadium and learn how to prepare low-cost, healthy vegan meals.

Families who participated reported that the sessions enhanced their cooking skills and diversified their mealtime options, with children becoming more open to trying new foods and eager to recreate what they learned at the club.

Achievements and Impacts:

- Five community cook-along sessions were delivered for twelve local families
- Two regular families attending the cook-alongs showing the importance to them
- Two 'Making Match Day Food' sessions were delivered for 45 children in total including a tour of Forest Green Rovers FC (FGR), as an introduction to the Club's green ethos and operations, and cooking lesson from the club's vegan head chef

- The team also worked with two SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) schools and delivered regular Physical Education sessions to help address concerns about the activity levels of some pupils. These sessions were well-attended, and the pupils gained a lot from them. They also organised a sports day for one of the schools
- Four workshops were delivered through the Premier League Kicks programme, promoting physical and mental wellbeing addressing key issues young people face today: Mental Health, First Aid, Equality and Diversity, and Positive Relationships:
  - The First Aid workshop helped equip participants with essential emergency techniques while emphasising the importance of acquiring these vital skills for everyday life.
  - The Mental Health workshop covered crucial topics such as happiness, anxiety, suicide, and friendships helping address the challenges young people encounter and ways of overcoming them.
  - The Equality and Diversity session featured a visit from one of FGR's first-team players who had experience of racial abuse, The first team player shared his personal experiences and the obstacles he had faced throughout his career. Participants had the opportunity to engage with him, asking questions about his life and discussing the importance of equality and diversity

Inclusion & Community Cohesion

Aim: Providing opportunities for people and communities that face common barriers.

The Trust had a successful first year of delivering the Premier League Kicks programme and is very proud of the uptake, which has generally surpassed expectations for the year. The Green Briain Foundation received £35,000 to deliver this, aimed at creating opportunities for young people who are at risk of anti-social behaviour, youth violence and/or from high-need areas to regularly engage in football, sport, mentoring and personal development opportunities.

Achievements and Impact

The Trust engaged with 434 participants each who attended at least one Premier League Kicks session:

- 243 were sustained participants, meaning they attended at least five sessions
- 170 were retained participants, meaning they attended at least ten sessions
- 85 young people aged 14+ engaged with the sessions across the year
- 118 girls engaged with the sessions across the year
- 27 disabled participants engaged across the year

To achieve this level of success, the Trust delivered six different core PL Kicks sessions throughout the year across six venues at various times.

The locations and times were carefully selected to best suit the young people involved and provide optimal accessibility to ensure that everyone in the local area had the opportunity to be involved with PL Kicks, which was sometimes a challenge with many people in need being spread-out across a variety of towns and villages. The delivery team ensured they fielded quality coaches who were able to adapt and tailor the sessions to suit the young people in

attendance. Additionally, the team took feedback from the Kicks Council and data from questionnaires to ensure they provided sessions the young people wanted and needed.

Gloucester was identified as an area of need leading to the delivery team partnering with Barnwood United to conduct sessions at their Coopers Edge facility. The attendance was impressive, with participation from all age groups, genders, and backgrounds. This partnership has been a great success, in aiming to address anti-social behaviour and improving engagement with young people in the community.

The Trust also hosted forty-seven Monday morning community café sessions with an average of 35 attendances and twenty community cafe sessions on a Thursday morning, alongside the foodbank after its initial launch in November. The Green Britain Foundation secured funding in 2022 for three years to cover the cost of a Community Development Worker to facilitate this on behalf of the community. Funds have been donated by Nailsworth Town Council, Stroud District Council, Gloucester County Council and GL11.

The community café serves as an established social group, for people experiencing loneliness, isolation, or poor mental and physical health. Others attend due to poverty, with children coming in during the summer holidays for food and drinks, most without their parents, aged 9–17 years. It was open every Monday morning, providing hot drinks, toast, breakfast items, fruit, and yoghurts. During school holidays, activities were provided if there were enough volunteers available.

During the reporting period, the café launched its Warm Hub, running on Thursday afternoons from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm alongside the Stroud Foodbank. Parents stopped in for a drink before school and then returned with their children after pick-up. Most enjoyed some food, and older children attended without their parents.

During the summer of 2023 HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) funding was secured for providing healthy meals, enriching activities, and free childcare places to children from low-income families, benefiting their health, wellbeing and learning.

The Trust were also able to gift 1,685 free tickets through the year to local groups for them to attend a football match at Forest Green Rovers FC in the club's dedicated community stand.

Education

Aim: Educating, motivating, and inspiring through the power of sport

The Trust has had another successful year of delivering the Premier League Primary Stars programme, designed to collaborate with schools across the county to support various aspects of their curriculum.

This programme uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children to be active and develop important life skills to achieve positive and lasting sporting, health and education outcomes for children, young people and the wider community. The Trust received £35,000 from the Premier League Charitable Fund to deliver this entirely free programme for primary schools, inspiring girls and boys aged 5-11 in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field.

Designed by teachers for teachers, the curriculum-linked teaching resources support English, Maths, PSHE and PE, with flexible activity ideas, worksheets, lesson plans, assemblies and exclusive videos, including a module on sustainability. PSHE topics include resilience, diversity, self-esteem and fair play.

Achievements and Impact

The Trust partnered with twenty-two schools in the year and supported fourteen teachers with their PE lessons. They delivered seven Career Mode Maths sessions, eight Reading Stars sessions, one PSHE session, and eight targeted football activity interventions (one during curriculum time, one at lunchtime, and the rest after school).

The team also delivered five extra-curricular girls' football sessions across four schools. Their three social action projects focused on nature, the environment, and improving these areas on the school site. They also conducted four anti-discrimination workshops: two on ‘Diversity and Inclusion in Teams’, one on ‘No Room for Racism’, and one on ‘LGBTQ+ Allyship’.

The team’s educational activations included several workshops in schools during Green Football Weekend, focusing on sustainable eating. They also conducted sustainability assemblies, and healthy and vegan cook-alongs with the club’s head chef throughout the year.

Activations were run around the ‘Nike Kit Drop’ for local primary school girls' teams, including mascot visits and talks on equality in football. ‘a year of reading’ event, a player visit, and an open day girls' football event.

The team also delivered two sports-day events (including one at a school specialising in supporting autistic pupils), one mixed inter-school football tournament, one girl’s inter-school football tournament, and a girls' football festival for primary schools.

Environment & Sustainability

Aim: Increase awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action.

As the official charity of the greenest football club in the world, environmental responsibility is at the heart of everything we do. This year, the Trust has achieved significant success with the delivery of social action projects, engaging young people in making a positive impact on the environment.

Achievements and Impact:

- 3 PLPS social actions delivered, focusing on how to improve the environment
- A social action delivered through the Green Football Weekend in conjunction with Colchester United Community Trust while attending an away game
- A Green Football Weekend live session supporting the Ministry of Eco Education, enabling teachers to stream a mass assembly on the importance of the environmental linked to football, reaching over 500 pupils
- 13 environmental and sustainability sessions delivered in schools

Through the Trust's Primary Stars delivery, three schools decided to participate in the team's social action projects, with the groups involved showing great passion for nature-related activities. These projects included planting trees, enhancing the natural environment around their schools, and redeveloping their community gardens.

The team also ran two social action projects through the Premier League Kicks programme, focusing on older age groups. One project involved collaborating with Colchester United during the Green Football Weekend, where groups were given the opportunity to visit them for an away game. Funds were gifted by the Sustainability in Sport Foundation to pay for the coach trip. Both clubs had Kicks participants in attendance, also supporting a food and clothes donation initiative.

Additionally, the Trust organised a beach clean-up in partnership with Life's a Beach, a local charity specialising in beach clean-ups and educating young people on recycling and sustainable practices. This was planned in this financial year and delivered in late July 2024.

In addition to the team's social action efforts, they have worked hard to educate young people in schools by supporting a live lesson accessible to anyone interested in learning about FGR and the importance of protecting the planet. They conducted thirteen sessions in schools, ranging from assemblies to class-time activities.

Future Plans

In the coming year FGR Community plans to:

- Conduct a comprehensive assessment of local disability sport needs to gain a deeper understanding of the community's requirements.
- Launch targeted disability sport programmes tailored to meet identified local needs based on the assessment findings.
- Recruit a casual Community and Wellbeing Officer to collaborate with local care homes, focusing on increasing physical activity among residents.
- Partner with our Community Development Officer to provide free holiday activities, addressing the lack of engagement opportunities for local young people during school breaks.
- Expand football camps across various locations in the county, improving participation opportunities in isolated rural areas.
- Meet and exceed, where possible, our Premier League Charitable Foundation KPIs for Premier League Kicks and Premier League Primary Stars programmes.
- Collaborate with a club partner to host five community cook-along sessions, educating families on preparing nutritious meals on a budget.

5. Grants

Aim: to promote ways people can reduce their environmental impact.

During the year, the trustees have approved grants to be issued to the following organisations with all projects scrutinised and accepted as being in compliant with our Green Britain Foundation 'objects', as follows:

a) SOS-UK

£5,000 was donated to SOS-UK, towards their Teach the Future 'mobilising the youth vote' general election campaign aimed at putting effective pressure on parliamentary candidates to secure meaningful commitments on climate education policy. This was done by giving young people the opportunity to actively participate in calling for meaningful climate policy leading up to the general election, held on the 4th July 2024.

SOS-UK trained young people to meet with parliamentary candidates and ask key questions, using school-themed analogies (report cards, star charts) also conveyed via their website, on social media and through press coverage. They supported young people to get the adults in their life to amplify this pressure through writing letters, signing petitions, and voting for climate education. They also hosted events across the country, creating both a movement as well an unignorable wave of youth-led pressure for climate education from the next government. (Paid in December 2023)

b) North Wales Hunt Saboteurs

£3,000 was donated to the North Wales Hunt Saboteurs, to help them purchase a new drone, radios, a camcorder, and bodycams and enable them to protect wildlife from illegal hunting, using non-violent direct action to stop the unlawful killing of foxes, hares and deer, with the long-term aim to end blood sports in the UK resulting in less destruction of wildlife habitats and the killing of wildlife. (Paid December 2023)

c) Shindig Festival

£4,380 was donated to Shindig, to enable the organisers of Shindig Festival to renew their A Greener Future membership, enabling the many people who attended the festival to learn about and lower their carbon footprint. (Paid January 2024)

d) Alveston Community Benefit Fund – this fund is available to help promote ways people can reduce their environmental impact, through the administration of community grants within the vicinity of Ecotricity generation projects, supporting the acceleration towards a green Britain.

During the year the trustees approved one grant of £1,000, issued to the Alveston Jubilee Hall management Committee, part of the community of Alveston, South Bristol, and linked to the installation of wind turbines within this area, by Ecotricity. The fund was used towards the cost of the installation of a new Energy Management system within the Alveston Jubilee Hall that adjusts the temperature of the building according to the outside temperature, so reducing the amount of gas used, and the burning of fossil fuels.

6. Taking Land back to Nature

The Foundation's portfolio of woodland has continued to be an important focus for the trustees of the Green Britain Foundation in the year, with the aim of enhancing the ability to increase biodiversity, natural regeneration and the sequestration of carbon.

During the reporting period, the Foundation purchased additional woodland ('Hollybush Wood') in Sussex with the intention of the woods and open ground being managed for rewilding, while maintaining public access and providing interpretation to educate visitors on the importance of woodland and open ground being allowed to regenerate.
The plan is to introduce rewilding and nature recovery schemes to help the land become rich in biodiversity, where flora and fauna can thrive and survive, through reintroducing:

- Meadows – through the scarification of open land for tree seeds to germinate
- Wilderlands - including wildflower meadows, ponds, plants trees and hedges to help create nature corridors
- Beavers and red squirrels and helping increase field vole, barn owls, water shew and dormice populations.

The Foundation was also gifted two pieces of land by Ecotricity at the start of this financial year, to be held as set aside - these are Cwm Uchaf Mountain (23.33 ha, 57.63 acres in two lots) in Llanegryn, Wales and 16.62ha, 41.06 acres near Nympsfield, Gloucestershire.

Throughout the year the Foundation has spent £11,084 on land maintenance, ecologist's surveys, to establish whether beavers might be introduced into the land in Sussex and some tree removal to make public accesses safe within the Foundation's woodland in Nutley, Sussex.

Governance

Objective: to ensure the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively.

Throughout the year, comprehensive reviews of the operations and financial performance of the Green Britain Foundation, including the FGR Community Trust, have been overseen by the designated Trustee responsible for Governance, to include regular Finance Review Meetings and quarterly Board Meetings. All meetings are minuted and available for review.

Careful evaluation and review of all necessary procedures and policies have continued to be undertaken.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit in managing the decisions and activities of the charity.

The trustees are satisfied that these documents meet the needs of the charity, now and into the future.

Review of financial position at the end of the reporting period

The Charity was able to operate on existing funds in the year ending 30th April 2024 due to the significant donations received in the previous year (2023: £8,182,847). Therefore, the donations decreased in 2024 to £833,436.

There was also a decrease in expenditure on charitable activities to £608,744 (2023: £787,458) with £327,120 being unrestricted (2023: £552,858) and £281,624 being restricted (2023: £234,600). The decrease was due primarily to a decrease in the number and amount of grants payable during the year including £Nil to Captain Paul Watson Foundation International (2023: £132,000). Additionally, there was less spent on legal fees.

The Charity's financial position as of 30 April 2024 is strong. Net assets remained broadly similar but increased to £7,849,966 from £7,625,274 in 2023. The charity has used a portion of its significant cash balance to purchase non-current assets in the year, including an investment in land at Hollybush Wood of £934,500 and a boat for £280,000. This, alongside the general operation of the charity, meant its cash reserves decreased to £4,759,195 (2023: £6,215,534). The purpose of the investment in land at Hollybush Wood of £934,500 is elaborated under the main activities of the charity in section 6.

The Charity does not hold any material financial investments as of 30 April 2024.

Reserves

In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the Charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.

The trustees propose to maintain the Charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months operational expenditure (approx. £150,000) and have done so having regard to its manner of operation of likely funding streams.

The Charity held funds totalling £7,849,966 (2023: £7,625,274) which includes £148,742 (2023: £148,477) in the FGR Community reserve and £5,900 (2023: £10,300) in the Alveston Community Benefit Fund both of which are restricted. The Charity has committed expenditure into year-ending 30 April 2025 of £37,334 designated for the running of the Ministry of Eco Education programme and £7,998 designated towards the running of the Young Green Briton Challenge as of 30 April 2024. Within unrestricted funds there is £3,130,772 (2023: £1,441,272) which is invested in fixed assets and is therefore not deemed to be liquid resources. Therefore, the Charity has free reserves of £4,519,220 (2023: £6,024,400).

The trustees of the Charity intend for the free reserves to be brought down in line with policy and to ensure that this cash is utilised in the Charities activities in line with its key objectives.

There is also an intention for interest to be accrued against the reserves, by changing to a higher interest bank account.

Principal Risks

Safeguarding

The Charity's activities involve working alongside vulnerable adults and children and is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment.

To mitigate against safeguarding risks, the Charity maintains a safeguarding policy which is regularly reviewed and is shared with all staff. Checks are conducted on all new employees who are required to have recent DBS disclosures. Safeguarding training is provided to staff upon induction and staff attend the FA Safeguarding Children workshop when deemed appropriate.

Third parties engaged by the charity undergo vigorous vetting and safeguarding checks to satisfy the Trust's policy.

Income generation

The Charity's income portfolio is not diverse and therefore the Charity is over-reliant on a few income streams.

FGR Community has relied on income from the Premier League and the English Football League (EFL) which is dependent on Forest Green Rovers Football Club's status as a member of the EFL. As the Trust neared the end of the financial year it was clear the Club was being relegated to the National League, affecting income streams for the coming year.

The Charity has adapted the Trust's plans based on the income it will receive from the Premier League, Premier League Fund and National League in 2024-25. The Charity continues to maintain a reserves policy to protect against these reductions to income.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Green Britain Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate
- to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to make themselves aware of that information.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on …….. and signed on behalf of the Board:

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Dale Vince OBE
Trustee

Independent auditor's report to the members of Green Britain Foundation

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Green Britain Foundation (the "Charity") for the year ended 30 April 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 30 April 2024 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted out audit in accordance with international Standards in Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information

and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If based, on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable law requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the

preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with those charged with governance and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements of the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, pensions, environmental and health and safety legislation; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, inspecting legal correspondence and remaining alert during the audit for any indications of non-compliance.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of those charged with governance and other management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- testing journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigating the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other

management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state in them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joshua Kingston ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Burton Sweet Limited
Statutory Auditor
The Clock Tower
5 Farleigh Court
Old Weston Road
Flax Bourton
Bristol BS48 1UR

Date: ……..

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and grants	**2**	546,472	286,964	833,436	8,182,847
Total income		546,472	286,964	833,436	8,182,847
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	-	-	1,257
Charitable activities	**3**	327,120	281,624	608,744	787,458
Total expenditure		327,120	281,624	608,744	788,715
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	219,352	5,340	224,692	7,394,132
Transfer between funds	**12**	10,300	(10,300)	-	-
Net movement in funds		229,652	(4,960)	224,692	7,394,132
Total funds brought forward	**12**	7,465,672	159,602	7,625,274	231,142
Total funds carried forward	**12**	7,695,324	154,642	7,849,966	7,625,274

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 31 to 41 form part of these financial statements
See note 7 for comparative statement of financial activities figures.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2024

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Non-current assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**9**	3,130,772	1,441,272
		3,130,772	1,441,272
Current assets			
Debtors	**10**	90,118	70,044
Cash at bank		4,759,195	6,215,534
		4,849,313	6,285,578
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	**11**	(130,119)	(101,576)
Net Current Assets		4,719,194	6,184,002
Net assets		7,849,966	7,625,274
Funds			
Restricted funds	**13**	154,642	159,602
Unrestricted funds	**13**	7,695,324	7,465,672
		7,849,966	7,625,274

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102).

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on …..... and are signed on their behalf by:

……..
Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 31 to 41 form part of these financial statements

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	**15**	233,161	7,370,148
Non-operational cash flows:			
Payments for tangible fixed assets		(1,689,500)	(1,441,272)
		(1,689,500)	(1,441,272)
Net cash flow for the year		(1,456,339)	5,928,876
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		6,215,534	286,658
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		4,759,195	6,215,534

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority.

In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 31 to 41 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider this an appropriate basis upon which to prepare the statements.

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Raising funds includes those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions.

Charitable activities costs include all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. This includes such items as external scrutiny, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory matters.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land, over their estimated useful lives as follows:
Freehold land - no depreciation
Vehicle - 3 years straight line

h) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations and grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	13,662	69,105	82,767
Public bodies	-	47,682	47,682
Charities and trusts	-	150,944	150,944
Donations in kind	532,800	-	532,800
Individuals	10	19,233	19,243
	546,472	286,964	833,436

Prior year comparative	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	7,888,431	58,439	7,946,870
Public bodies	700	41,057	41,757
Charities and trusts	10,183	81,132	91,315
Donations in kind	37,833	-	37,833
Individuals	-	65,072	65,072
	7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847

The donation in kind relates to donated land, facilities and services gifted to the foundation from Ecotricity Group Limited.

3 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Grants payables (note 4)	13,380	189,500
Wages and salaries (note 5)	232,203	190,369
Other staff costs	30,402	7,037
Marketing	18,232	63,336
Legal and professional fees	7,720	65,125
Consultancy fees	198,266	191,241
Premises insurance	4,012	1,185
Rent and rates	10,806	290
Event costs	29,368	14,708
Utilities costs	-	1,386
Postage and stationery	183	568
Bank charges	206	243
Bad debt written off	1,684	6,452
Software, licences and support	26,770	26,410
Catering Supplies	443	-
Football equipment	157	-
Land Management	10,474	-
Governance costs	24,438	29,608
	608,744	787,458

4 Grants Payable

Total grant commitments made in the year	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to organisation based in the United Kingdom:		
Captain Paul Watson Foundation (formerly known as Sea Shepherd)	-	132,000
A Greener Festival Ltd	-	43,000
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network's (UKWIN's)	-	7,500
Students Organising for Sustainability UK	5,000	-
Shindig Productions Ltd	4,380	-
North Wales Hunt Saboteurs	3,000	-
Alveston Jubilee Hall Management Committee	1,000	-
Other small grants (under £1,000)	-	7,000
Total cost as stated in the SOFA (Note 3)	13,380	189,500

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	203,435	171,222
Social Security costs	4,012	12,130
Pension costs	10,503	7,017
Redundancy costs	14,253	-
	232,203	190,369

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

The average number of employees during the year was 17 (2023: 12).

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees and the Head of FGR Community. The total employee benefits received by key management personnel was £53,439 (2023: £11,847).

Other than as disclosed in note 16, no remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was either paid or payable for the current or prior period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or previous period.

6 Net income/(expenditure)

Net income is stated after charging:	**2024** **£**	2023 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- current year fee	11,880	9,360
- accounts preparation	2,880	1,920
- under accrual in previous year	9,678	-

7 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds 2023** **£**
Income from:			
Donations and grants	7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847
Total income	7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	360	897	1,257
Charitable activities	552,858	234,600	787,458
Total expenditure	553,218	235,497	788,715
Net income/(expenditure)	7,383,929	10,203	7,394,132
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	7,383,929	10,203	7,394,132
Total funds brought forward	81,743	149,399	231,142
Total funds carried forward	7,465,672	159,602	7,625,274

8 Investments

FGR Community
The investment in FGR Community was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of FGR Community, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, FGR Community is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

FGR Community was dormant with no activity going through the company for the year ended 30 April 2024 (2023: £Nil).

At 30 April 2024 FGR Community held no members' funds (2023: £Nil).

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land	Vehicle	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 May 2023	1,441,272	-	1,441,272
Additions	1,409,500	280,000	1,689,500
At 30 April 2024	2,850,772	280,000	3,130,772
Net book value			
At 30 April 2024	2,850,772	280,000	3,130,772
At 30 April 2023	1,441,272	-	1,441,272

10 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	70,634	69,242
Prepayments and accrued income	1,484	802
Other debtors	18,000	-
	90,118	70,044

11 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	29,651	9,646
Accruals and deferred income	31,184	24,457
Taxation and social security	94	4,346
Other creditors	69,190	63,127
	130,119	101,576

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	148,477	275,064	(275,624)	825	148,742
Alveston Community Benefit	10,300	6,900	(1,000)	(10,300)	5,900
The Football Association	825	-	-	(825)	-
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	159,602	286,964	(281,624)	(10,300)	154,642
Unrestricted funds					
Ministry of Eco Education	-	-	(74,361)	111,695	37,334
Young Green Briton Challenge	-	-	(41,056)	49,054	7,998
General funds	7,465,672	546,472	(211,703)	(150,449)	7,649,992
	7,465,672	546,472	(327,120)	10,300	7,695,324
	7,625,274	833,436	(608,744)	-	7,849,966

12 Movement in funds (Continued)

Restricted Fund Descriptions

FGR Community

Funds within the GBF which are restricted for FGR Community are restricted according to our funder stipulations, for the delivery of our programmatic work and for the core running costs of our activities.

Alveston Community Benefit

Funds within the GBF for our 'Community Benefit' donation programme are allocated strictly for the issue of grants to the Alveston Community. Grant applications are called for on an annual basis. All applications and projects are reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees, with funds issued annually, as deemed in-line with the GBF's charitable aims. During the year Alverston Wind Park Limited gave permission to use the brought forward restricted funds for general purposes. This is reflected through a transfer in funds.

The Football Association

Funds received from the Football Association and are restricted to football related expenditure, such as matchday catering supplies. The transfer in the year relates to expenditure for football activities out of the FGR Community funds.

Ministry of Eco Education

Funds received for Ministry of Eco Education as described within designated funds below.

Designated Fund Descriptions

Ministry of Eco Education

The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the school curriculum. The team has curated the resources and linked activities and opportunities from more than 200 organisations into a single framework and approach, saving teachers time and helping them build then embed sustainability learning across their existing curriculum. The part-time team of one Education Lead, two Regional Coordinators and administrator guide the learning journey using big questions framed across seven key environmental themes: Energy, Transport, Food, Nature, Waste and Water and Society with all the resources housed on a bespoke website with a unique log-in for each teacher. The Green Britain Foundation is funding this programme to advance the education and learning of young people to help them become Young Green Britons, able to have agency in changing the way we all live for the better.

Young Green Briton Challenge

The Young Green Briton Challenge (YGBC) is part funded by the Green Britain Foundation. It's been developed and delivered in partnership with Social Innovation for All, Volunteers for Future (now known as GenEarth) and the Ministry of Eco Education to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action in a secondary educational setting.

The project's mission is to bring climate education, innovation and entrepreneurship into schools, empowering young people to create a greener world. The Challenge combines sustainability education with innovation, business and citizenship – building essential transferable skills for students aged 11-14. Students learn about climate change within their communities before working in teams to develop ideas for local climate action ventures, benefiting students, their wider community, and the planet.

In the first pilot year, sixteen schools took part across the country, culminating in a Young Green Briton Challenge national final awards ceremony. In 2023-24 the team worked with eighteen schools. The Green Britain Foundation allocated £49,054 to this for the 2023-24 academic year.

12 Movement in funds (Continued)

Prior year comparative

	At 1 May 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2023 £
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	145,174	233,800	(230,497)	-	148,477
Alveston Community Benefit	3,400	6,900	-	-	10,300
The Football Association	825	-	-	-	825
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	149,399	245,700	(235,497)	-	159,602
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	81,743	7,937,147	(553,218)	-	7,465,672
	231,142	8,182,847	(788,715)	-	7,625,274

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2024 £
Restricted funds	-	154,642	154,642
Unrestricted funds			
Designated funds	-	45,332	45,332
General funds	3,130,772	4,519,220	7,649,992
	3,130,772	4,719,194	7,849,966

Prior year comparative

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2023 £
Restricted funds	-	159,602	159,602
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	1,441,272	6,024,400	7,465,672
	1,441,272	6,184,002	7,625,274

14 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

15 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024	2023
	£	£
Statement of Financial Activities: Net movement in funds	224,692	7,394,132
Increase / (decrease) in creditors: current liabilities	28,543	20,576
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(20,074)	(44,560)
Net cash flow from operating activities	233,161	7,370,148

16 Related party transactions

Helen Taylor, a trustee, is a director and majority share holder of One Blue Marble who invoices for the provision of services. One Blue Marble manages the governance of The Green Britain Foundation and supports the operational running of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary - entitled FGR Community. This is permitted under the governing document (Articles of Association) for the Charity.

Dale Vince, a trustee, is a director and majority shareholder of the following entities from which Green Britain Foundation transacts with:
Ecotricity Group Limited
Ecotricity Limited
Forest Green Rovers
Alveston Wind Park Limited

During the year Green Britain Foundation had the following related party transactions:

	Income 2024	**Expenditure 2024**	Income 2023	Expenditure 2023
	£	**£**	£	£
One Blue Marble	-	12,946	-	11,847
Ecotricity Group Limited (Donation)	532,800	-	7,633,845	-
Ecotricity Limited	-	-	255,560	-
Forest Green Rovers	58,644	-	45,044	8,143
Alveston Wind Park Limited	6,900	-	6,900	-
	598,344	12,946	7,941,349	19,990

16 Related party transactions (*continued*)

Included at the year end are the following balances owed by related parties:

	Creditors £	Debtors £	2024 Total £
One Blue Marble	(429)	-	(429)
Forest Green Rovers	(72,801)	57,644	(15,157)
Alveston Wind Park Limited	-	6,900	6,900
	(73,230)	64,544	(8,686)

	Creditors £	Debtors £	2023 Total £
One Blue Marble	(975)	-	(975)
Forest Green Rovers	(63,127)	45,044	(18,083)
Alveston Wind Park Limited	-	20,700	20,700
	(64,102)	65,744	1,642

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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Green Britain Foundation
Registered charity number	1148783
Company number	08121843
Registered address	Lion House Rowcroft Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 3BY
Website	www.greenbritainfoundation.co.uk
Telephone Number	07803 124541
Contact	Helen Taylor (helen.taylor@ecotricity.co.uk)
Directors / Trustees	Dale Vince OBE Dahlia Nahome Helen Taylor
Senior Management Team	Helen Taylor – General Manager
Independent Auditor	Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, Farleigh Court Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR
Solicitors	TLT LLP 1 Redcliffe Street Bristol BS1 6TP
Bankers	HSBC Bank PLC 3 Rivergate Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6ER

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023, which also comprises of the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative information, as set out on page one, form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Green Britain Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 12 August 2019 and is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1148783). Date of incorporation was the 27 June 2012.

In the event of the company being wound up, the member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. Dale Vince is the sole member of the charity.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. The trustees are all individuals.

The charity is a company and charity and follows the legislation pertaining to both.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are invited to join the board. The trustees who served in the reporting period were Dale Vince, Helen Taylor and Dahlia Nahome, with no changes during the year, or in the period between the year-end and the approval of the accounts.

The governing document allows for a minimum of two trustees and there are currently three.

In appointing trustees, the charity follows the Charity Commission guidelines and specifically:

- Identifies the need
- Agrees the skills and experiences we require and create a person and role specification
- Agrees an open process of recruitment
- Ensures that the charity opens the opportunity to a diverse range of candidates
- Interviews against the criteria the charity has identified, in a fair and objective manner
- Invites preferred candidates to join subject to references
- Obtains written confirmation that candidates are eligible in law to be trustees
- Asks candidates to declare conflicts of interest
- Formalises the appointment in line with the charity's governing document

- The chair writes to candidates setting out their duties and responsibilities as trustees and directors or delegates this to the General Manager
- A formal induction process is undertaken
- Trustees are formally welcomed to the board
- The decision is ratified at the next AGM

At the Annual General Meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment. Dahlia Nahome retires as a trustee at the next Annual General Meeting but is eligible for reappointment.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which shall include no less than two members, administers the charity. The trustee board comprises of three trustees.

The Charity comprises the wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, delivering outreach programmes aligned to the football club, Forest Green Rovers FC, in accordance with the Articles of Association. The FGR Community board comprises three directors: two independent directors and one representing Forest Green Rovers FC. The board meet at least three times a year, with separate sub-committees responsible for operations, human resources, finance, governance and outreach updates.

A Chief Executive Officer, as appointed by the trustees, manages the day-to-day operations of FGR Community. A General Manager is appointed by the trustees to run the day-to-day operations of the Green Britain Charity as a whole.

Risk management

The trustees are aware that a key risk is the safeguarding of children and adults, including GDPR measures, that are particularly relevant to FGR Community's programme delivery within the community. A safeguarding culture has been instilled throughout the organisation from top to bottom, with stringent processes and training in place.

Staff and volunteers understand the importance of safeguarding and the appropriate action that is required to ensure FGR Community provides a safe environment for its service users. FGR Community has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, as well as a further support, in the form of a Safeguarding Forum managed by Forest Green Rovers Football Club – with a designated Safeguarding lead on the Board of Directors of FGR Community.

The finances of the Green Britain Foundation are monitored closely by the General Manager and reviewed in accordance with the charity's reserves policy.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purpose of the charity is as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects are for the benefit of the public generally, both in the United Kingdom and overseas:

a) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health
c) To provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life
d) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by providing facilities and activities in an environmentally friendly way and which demonstrates the benefits of the physical and natural environment
e) To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit, in accordance with the law of charity and in particular in relation to the protection of the physical and natural environment.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes during the year

The Green Britain Foundation serves to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint, while also using the power of football and other outreach activities to improve the lives of people through their participation in sport and education.

The Foundation's objectives for year-ending 30 April 2023, encompassed four main goals:

1. **Environmental Education –** Engaging young people in the solutions towards a greener Britain, through the provision of environmentally focused teaching resources able to be inter-woven into current lessons by teachers for primary schools and the development and implementation of a new 'Green Briton Challenge' providing the opportunity for secondary school students to research and create their solutions to climate change – with support to enable them to bring their projects to life.

   Also, researching and producing substantial evidence pointing to ways of living a greener lifestyle, in the form of reports used to demonstrate this.

2. **Using the power of sport to empower and improve lives through:**

   - **Environment and sustainability** - Increasing awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action through the lens of sport
   - **Sport and Recreation** – Engaging people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport
   - **Health and Wellbeing** – Promoting healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing
   - **Inclusion and Community Cohesion** – Providing the opportunity for people and communities facing common barriers to come together under the umbrella of football
   - **Education and employability** – Educating, motivating, and inspiring people to learn of opportunities through the power of sport to help them fulfil their potential and consider their impact on their wider community and the environment.

3. **Grants** – Supporting ways that people can reduce their environmental impact.

4. **Taking land back to Nature** – The purchase of woodland to enhance increase biodiversity, natural regeneration and the sequestration of carbon.

All the above programmes have been managed while ensuring the operations of the Foundation/Trust were run efficiently and effectively.

The board of trustees continues to be satisfied that the activities of the Green Britain Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, satisfactorily meet the Charity Commission public benefit requirements.

Further information within the achievements and performance section of this report provides details of the work undertaken to meet these aims and objectives.

Thanks to the success of various funding bids and collaborative working with other community partners, FGR Community (also known as 'the Trust') has continued to serve as a central part of the community over this reporting period.

The board is grateful to Ecotricity Group Limited for its significant funding support towards grants made, the purchase of land and the running of the Foundation. The Group has also contributed to the funding of the Foundation's education activities including the ongoing development and implementation of the Ministry of Eco Education programme, with additional funding gifted by the legal firm, TLT LLP for this, and has funded the Young Green Briton Challenge and reports produced in this year. It has also made an additional unrestricted donation towards the ongoing development of the Green Britain Foundation to be held in endowment and used for future operations and programmes that are consistent with the objectives of the Foundation.

Significant funding has also been received from the English Football League Trust, as unrestricted funds to support the running of FGR Community along with some restricted funds to support the ongoing development of the Trust. The Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) has also continued to fund FGR Community's ability to run the Premier League Primary Stars programme throughout the Gloucestershire area and a new programme to the Trust – the Premier League Kicks programme, as referenced below. The Professional Footballers Association (PFA) has funded a programme of activity involving Forest Green Rovers FC players attending school visits and engaging with the community.

Individual grants have been secured - several from local authorities who have granted funds to FGR Community to deliver the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in 2023 within the Gloucestershire area, particularly Stroud and Nailsworth.

FGR Community has also been instrumental in helping secure the funding to be able to host a Community Development role within the immediate vicinity of Forest Green Rovers F.C - to include funding from Build Back Better (County Councillor funds) and a Community Wellbeing Grant for 3 years, Nailsworth County Council, the Clinical Commission Group, Gloucestershire County Council and sone community funding partner funding.

The Board of trustees is grateful to all those who have granted funds, including an increasing number of businesses who have formed partnerships with the Trust to achieve some powerful

additional community engagement. Particular thanks go to companies: Candriam, Grundon, Parkers, Adey Innovation Limited, Memorial Woodlands, First Choice Utilities, Filtration Ltd, Zest and Greiner Bio-One.

The Board has also been able to use a proportion of its reserves from year-ending April 2023 to bring in an external consultant (iWonder Group) to help advise on the next phase of development and strategy for FGR Community, with the aim of improving the Trust's efficiency and impact in line with the needs of the immediate and wider community.

Key Developments and Achievements

The following developments and achievements have been delivered over the course of this financial year:

1. Environmental Education

1.2 The Ministry of Eco Education

Aim: To engage young people in the solutions towards a greener Britain, through the ongoing development and implementation of an eco-curriculum created under the umbrella of the Ministry of Eco Education (MEE) now in its second year of activity and new Young Green Briton Challenge. Total amount invested in these activities was £129,062.

Background

The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the curriculum.

In 2021, Paul Turner (Curriculum Author), joined the team to guide and support the development of a cross curricular eco curriculum, taking the seeds of ideas established by Minchinhampton Primary Academy near Stroud and developing this into a holistic curriculum available for schools to use for free across the country.

In 2021 to 2022, a controlled trial was carried out with 15 primary schools, from across the country, to investigate the impact of the MEE approach and framework. During this time, relationships were built with a variety of organisations operating in the education for sustainability space. Alongside this, Paul has continued to bring together a wealth of free resources already freely available from over 200 environmentally focused partners, into a single framework and approach. One key aim of this programme is for it to remain free for all teachers to use.

Achievements

In year 2022 to 2023 the focus has been on developing this scalable model, working with local authorities and multi academy trusts to extend our reach to more than 1,000 schools. MEE has also worked with secondary schools to adapt the primary approach to be suitable for KS3 pupils.

Overall, the MEE team influenced the learning of more than 600,000 young people across the country, helping their teachers to engage with education for sustainability across a variety of subject areas and age groups.

The team directly delivered in-person assemblies to 1000's of young people and facilitated training for 1000's of school staff.

More broadly the team created hours of online training for staff and recorded video resources.

This year also saw the development of a new website which allows schools to create a login to track their progress and the recruitment of a Schools Coordinator, for the Avon area including Bristol and Bath. This Coordinator has been able to trial an approach for scaling MEE through new proposed regional coordinators ('Ambassadors') helping to support schools to embed the MEE approach and framework. This work has helped inform the new Ambassador role to be recruit for in the new academic year.

The team also developed a Teacher Training model introducing staff to the wider ideas of the climate and nature crisis, using the big questions (learning by enquiry) and MEE framework.

The team's key deliverables include:

- The engagement of 1,108 Schools & Colleges
- Working with 674,500 Young People and 34,500 Teachers
- The creation of 63 Enquiry Questions
- The delivery of 504 Lessons
- Connecting teachers and their pupils with resources from 200+ Partner Organisations
- The production of 68 Supporting Videos
- The sharing of 800,000 Social Media Impressions

Impact

The MEE team continue to see an impact on the school community through the Nature Connection Index, as well as teacher feedback and comments from young people, parents and governors.

Schools engaging with the Ministry of Eco Education approach and framework have been experiencing:

- An increase in nature connection
- An increase in pro environmental behaviours
- An increase in young people's positive engagement with local community
- Teachers feel more supported and confident
- An increase in young people's knowledge and understanding
- An increase in feelings of hope for positive change

Future Plans

The MEE team are aiming to reach 10,000 schools by 2025, using a multi-faceted approach which includes building relationships with a number of stakeholders and sharing their

experience and approach with local authorities and multi academy trusts. They also plan to use the Department for Education's sustainability initiatives as a vehicle to access more schools, with a focus on working with the 1,200 schools the Department of Education has identified for additional funding to engage with the 'National Nature Park and Climate Leaders Award'.

The plan is to develop a Climate Change Certificate and Accreditation for schools which recognises the work of teachers to integrate education for sustainability at KS4.

With the growth of sustainability initiatives for schools the MEE team aim to continue integrating these into our model whilst also differentiating our framework so that schools understand their approach of signposting the best opportunities in a logical journey.

1.2 The Young Green Briton Challenge

The Young Green Briton Challenge, funded by the Green Britain Foundation was developed, delivered in partnership with Social Innovation for All, Volunteers for Future, I Have a Voice and the Ministry of Eco Education to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action in a secondary educational setting.

In this first pilot year sixteen schools took part across the country, culminating in a Young Green Briton Challenge national final awards ceremony hosted at the House of Lords.

The Challenge supported whole year groups of students aged 11-14 to learn and apply design, innovation, business and other transferable skills, empowering young people to explore local climate and sustainability issues and design entrepreneurial solutions or campaigns to address the issues of climate change.

Each group was mentored by volunteer mentors with a background in campaigning, design, innovation or experience of setting up their own enterprise to support teams of young people. Over a four-month period they supported the students to help them develop their ideas from concept through to prototype to implementation. This involved encouraging and facilitating collaboration amongst team members, and promoting an inclusive working environment, as well as regularly monitoring students' progress and working in partnership with the teachers to ensure that the students behaved respectfully to one another.

Achievements:

- Sixteen diverse schools co-created the model, engaging a whole year group in each school
- 2768 students aged 11-14 created over 450 ideas for local climate solutions
- 68% of students felt they learnt important skills for their future during the design workshop and 72% enjoyed participating
- Seventy student-led climate action projects received seed investment collectively reaching over 16,000 people
- Forty volunteer mentors supported student-led project implementation, providing a crucial external perspective on climate action solutions
- Six YGBC Ambassadors including Chris Packham and young climate activists celebrated the National Finalists at an event in the House of Lords

- Four National Winners were selected for further £1000 investment - their impact will continue to grow over the next year.

Impact

This Challenge involved:

- One independent special school for children with visual and sensory impairment and fifteen state schools
- 50% of the schools were in line with or above average Free School Meals
- 50% of the schools were above average for English as a second language
- 56% of the schools were above average special educational needs

This feedback from teachers and students highlights the programme's impact:

- "I really liked thinking about different topics that I otherwise wouldn't have known existed like the environmental impacts of fast fashion because I am now aware." **Year 8 student**

- "Working as a team helped my communication skills." **Year 9 Student**

- "I enjoyed the freeness and how you thought of everything instead of just being told what to do - you got to use your creativity." **Year 7 Student**

- "It has been an incredible experience for my pupils. They have developed real skills in teamwork, critical thinking, problem solving and entrepreneurship. They have overcome problems and challenges which improves resilience and have considered how local solutions can help them take action for global issues." **YGBC Lead Teacher, pilot school**

- "YGBC raised the profile of climate education so now SLT [the Senior Leadership Team] want us to continue to offer such programmes as a core part of the curriculum, whereas previously it was an add-on in Geography." **YGBC Lead Teacher, pilot school**

- "The YGBC has been a fantastic opportunity for our school. The challenge has helped simplify the behemoth that is "climate change / sustainability", and empowered learners to make positive change in their own communities." **YGBC Lead Teacher, pilot school**

Future plans

The Green Britain Foundation intends to financially support the Young Green Briton Challenge in the forthcoming year and support the development and exaction of this seeing this as an important integration to the work being conducted by the Ministry of Eco Education team in helping equip young people to cope and adapt to the challenges of climate change.

1.3 Reports

One of the key objectives of the Green Britain Foundation is to help people learn how to create a greener, more sustainable and resilient Britain – this includes the gathering of substantiated evidence for reports to help create pathways towards change. Two pieces of work were completed this year:

a) **Renewable energy and its impact on the Britain's GDP**

The Foundation invested £8,352.00 in 3Keel LLP undertaking energy modelling work, looking at the comparison of every billion pounds investment in energy and how, if this was invested in renewable energy, this would affect the country's Gross Domestic Product. This economic modelling included reviewing of onshore wind, ground and rooftop solar and green gas, comparing this to the oil and gas (fossil fuel) industries. Report findings are being used to support the Foundation's narrative for how to move towards a greener Britain.

b) **'Can the North West be a Green Energy Superpower?'**

The Foundation invested £169,018 with three organisations**:** Carbon Jacked Ltd (£19,738.00), Absolar Solutions LTD (£41,280.00) and Ove Arup Partners Ltd (£108,000) – all three worked together to produce this report looking at the potential for a transition to renewable energy in the North West of England, with the mayors of Liverpool and Manchester.

This study incorporated 'blue sky' thinking around the use of land availability in the North West to produce renewable energy and help the regions of Manchester, Liverpool and Cheshire understand how they can be self-sufficient. This has saved councils in these areas carrying out this work and put the results in the public domain. This report is also being used as a 'best practice blueprint' for other areas in Britain to be energy independent.

2. Using the power of sport to empower and improve lives.

FGR Community exists **to** educate, motivate and inspire through football. Its programmes make a positive impact across Gloucestershire and beyond.

Environment and Sustainability

Aim: To increase awareness of environmentally sustainable practices through education and action-led initiatives.

Achievements

FGR Community hosts stadium visits for schools, clubs, and community groups on match days, after-school sessions, and as part of the curriculum. The primary focus is on what the football club is doing (and has done) to be known as the "greenest football club in the world."

The Trust welcomed:

- Over 200 attendees for stadium visits.
- 30 students who participated in match-day food sessions.
- Two schools engaged in the Trust's "Save the Planet" social action.
- 13 assemblies and school visits were held, with a focus on sustainability.

Impact

Throughout the year, FGR Community welcomed over 200 young people to the stadium to promote the message of sustainability and educate children and young people about the importance of living a sustainable lifestyle. This often leads to children incorporating these actions into their personal lives and schools. One of the stadium visits occurred during National Science Week and received support from one of our community partners. The school enjoyed a tour followed by a scientific demonstration from the organisation "Adey."

As the first and only vegan football club in the world, food plays a significant role in conversations with visitors. FGR Community hosted a number of local primary schools, providing them with the opportunity to not only tour the stadium but also take part in a 'making match-day food' session. The head chef at the football club demonstrated how to prepare a vegan lunch and discussed the benefits of a vegan diet for both the environment and people's general health.

FGR Community participates in the Premier League-funded "Primary Stars" programme. Schools are encouraged to engage in youth-led social action projects. Two of the schools chose to support the "Save the Planet" campaign. One of these schools organised an educational day for the rest of the pupils, while the other participated in a litter pick in Nailsworth to clean up their community. The litter pick was accompanied by an organisation called "Life's a Beach," which focuses on encouraging children and young people to help clean the planet. This initiative has been chosen by the Premier League to be represented on a national stage in front of other community trusts across the country.

It is not always feasible for schools to travel to the stadium, with this not always being the most sustainable option. To address this challenge, the Trust's coaches go to the schools to conduct assemblies discussing what the community trust and football club are doing to combat climate change.

Sport and Recreation

Aim: To engage people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport

Achievements

FGR Community organised activity camps during all the school holidays, excluding Christmas, achieving the following:

- 933 children participated in holiday camps, including football, scavenger hunts, and cheerleading.
- 237 places were provided to children on free school meals.
- 80 girls-only places were filled

Impact

These camps typically focus on football, but this year have also included scavenger hunts and a cheerleading activity day. The purpose of these camps has been to create a fun and enjoyable environment for children to participate in their favourite sports or try something new. The camps were open to all abilities, with ages typically ranging from five to thirteen years old. The camps also provided an opportunity for children to socialise and make new friends. Meals were usually provided during these camps, allowing children to have a hot meal during the school holidays. This also introduced children to vegan food for the first time, creating a safe space for them to ask questions about the food and learn about the club's vegan philosophy.

While these camps require payment, free spaces were always offered to children on free school meals to ensure they had access to food during the holidays and opportunities they might not otherwise afford. FGR Community is passionate about providing opportunities to those who typically do not have access to them. The holiday camps are a perfect opportunity to bridge the gap, especially for girls in sports, who often have fewer opportunities compared to boys. FGR Community continues to strive to create a safe environment and offers girls-only sessions during these camps. These sessions are often well-attended, and feedback is consistently positive and constructive.

Health and wellbeing

Aim: To promote healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing.

Achievements

In December 2022, FGR community hired a Community Development worker, with funding from partners including Nailsworth Town Council and Stroud District Council. This role has had a significant impact in the local community in various settings, enabling:

- 14 community café sessions being hosted.
- An average of 35 people attended each café session.
- 4 professionals attended the café on a monthly basis.
- 8 ‘Talk Club’ sessions were hosted.

Impact

The most notable impact has been the establishment of a weekly café drop-in, which now runs every Monday, except for bank holidays and continues during school holidays. The purpose of this café is to provide local residents with a safe space to enjoy the company of others and enjoy available breakfast food. The café also hosts the local pantry, providing access to food and other items that may be unaffordable for some. This has proven to be an invaluable asset in the local community. The Community Development workers have also built relationships with local professionals, including housing officers who now attend on a monthly basis, helping break down barriers and provide the necessary support to individuals.

In 2023, FGR community relaunched its partnership with the organisation "Talk Club." This initiative allows men to attend sessions to play football and discuss their mental health. Addressing the stigma surrounding men discussing mental health, this provides a comfortable environment for them to open up and seek support from local professionals.

Inclusion and cohesion

Aim: To provide the opportunity for people and communities facing common barriers and to help support individuals with their self-esteem, self-worth and ability to tackle social issues.

Achievements

In January 2023, FGR Community launched the Premier League ‘Kicks’ programme for the first time. Premier League Kicks uses the power of football and sport to inspire young people to reach their potential, FGR Community’s key achievements included:

- Successfully delivered the project at five unique venues.
- Engaged over 100 children.
- Participated in a local Premier League Kicks tournament and won the Fair Play Award.
- Advanced to the national Premier League Kicks tournament due to winning the Fair Play Award.
- Distributed over 300 shirts in our "Year 3 Shirt Giveaway."
- Regular befriending calls provided where needed.
- Partnered with a charity supporting families with children having additional needs, offering free tickets to those families.
- Distributed 3,476 tickets in our "Community Stand."
- Hosted a community lunch with over 100 attendees.
- Enlisted 122 ambassadors from 70 different schools.

Impact

The project's first year was a resounding success, providing free opportunities to children and young people who may not typically have access to them. Sessions were held in Nailsworth, Stroud, and Stonehouse to remove access barriers, ensuring inclusivity. Notably, a last-minute team entered a local Premier League tournament against other Community Trusts winning the ‘Fair Play Award’, showcasing incredible character.

Besides supporting the community Café, FGR Community has offered befriending calls to socially isolated community members. This initiative, which started during the pandemic, remains vital for those in need. In January, FGR Community hosted a community lunch where local residents, community groups, and schools were invited, particularly considering the financial challenges that January presents. It also provided an opportunity for people to explore vegan food and learn more about the football club.

FGR Community is privileged to offer free tickets to local people for every league home game at Forest Green Rovers. Over this period, over 3,000 tickets were given to schools, clubs, community groups, and even refugees in the local area, offering a chance to enjoy matches despite financial constraints. At the beginning of each season, FGR Community collaborates with the football club and Ecotricity for the "Year 3 Shirt Giveaway," distributing over 300 shirts to local primary school students, allowing them to watch matches and cheer on FGR in their new shirts.

The flagship project of FGR Community is the Young Ambassador scheme, unique to the organisation. Every year, we recruit a team of young ambassadors to spread the word about what it's like supporting FGR and all the great things we do on and off the pitch. This year, 122 ambassadors joined from 70 different schools, receiving free season tickets, football shirts, and opportunities to volunteer on match days and request community team visits to their schools to discuss the football club and its green credentials.

Education and Employability

Aim: To educate, motivate and inspire people to learn of opportunities through the power of sport to help them fulfil their potential and consider their impact on their wider community and the environment.

Achievements

The Premier League Primary Stars project is a key feature of FGR Community's education and employability theme. Premier League Primary Stars uses the appeal of the Premier League and professional football clubs to inspire children to be active and develop important life skills.

- Supported 7 teachers through PE CPD.
- Conducted 15 regular targeted intervention sessions.
- Delivered 2 Anti-discrimination workshops.
- Executed 4 Social action projects.
- Hosted 13 one-off education activations.
- Supported 3 competitions and delivered them.
- Collaborated with 28 partner schools.
- Engaged 283 children who completed questionnaires.

Impact

Throughout the year, FGR Community delivered various Primary Stars programs reaching 28 partner schools. They covered reading stars, social action, assemblies, teacher CPD, PSHE,

and competitions. In term 4, they supported the growth of six staff members at St Mary's Primary School in Tetbury while delivering PE sessions.

FGR Community also worked with Kempsford Primary School, addressing their isolation and difficulties engaging with external organisations. The Reading Stars program was conducted across four groups from two-year groups at the school, significantly boosting reading scores. A teacher at the school expressed gratitude for the positive impact. “A great big thank you for all that you have done at Kempsford this year. The kids have loved you coming in! We can’t wait to have you back again next year.”

In early 2023, Nailsworth Primary School faced the unexpected loss of their incoming headteacher. FGR Community stepped in to support the school, offering PSHE sessions for most of the school and engaging year 5 and 6 students in a social action project. This assistance relieved pressure on teachers and had a profound impact on the students involved.

Throughout the year, FGR Community ran and supported three competitions in partnership with the local Barclays Girls Football School Partnership Lead. These competitions focused on providing opportunities for girls, particularly leading up to the Women's World Cup, inspiring girls to get involved in football and support the lionesses.

In term 3, FGR Community organised two anti-discrimination workshops delivered by Show Racism the Red Card and supported by the community team. These workshops were well-received, offering children the opportunity to ask questions and learn about various topics.

Future Plans

In the coming year FGR Community plans to:

- Expand girls-only sessions across PL Kicks, PL Primary Stars, and holiday camps.
- Establish PL Primary Stars delivery with local primary schools and extend football opportunities to secondary schools.
- Increase participation in the local PL Kicks program, focusing on hard-to-reach children and young people.
- Review and relaunch educational visits to the stadium for local schools.
- Recruit a staff member to oversee the Ambassador Programme, making necessary adaptations for greater effectiveness.
- Enhance presence on match days, engaging with both football club fans and local community partners.
- Review holiday camp provisions, making necessary adjustments and increasing offerings.
- Support the community development worker in setting up a food bank in the local area.

Governance

Objective: to ensure the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively,

Throughout the year, comprehensive reviews of the operations and financial performance of the Green Britain Foundation, including the FGR Community Trust, have been overseen by

the designated Trustee responsible for Governance, to include regular resource and support meetings, Finance Review Meetings and quarterly Board Meetings. All meetings are minuted and available for review.

Careful evaluation and review of all necessary procedures and policies have continued to be undertaken.

3. Grants

Aim: to promote ways people can reduce their environmental impact.

During the year, the trustees have approved grants to be issued to the following organisations with all projects scrutinised and accepted as being in compliant with our Green Britain Foundation 'objects', as follows:

a) A Greener Festival - £43,000 to support the development of tools and help fund some of the costs of the team's time and expertise to help green up festivals and the wider entertainment industry and reduce their environmental impact, including evaluating the energy they use, the food they offer, and the mode of transport encouraged and made available to event participants and delegates,

b) HEAL Rewilding - £500.00

Heal Rewilding has used these funds to help buy their first 10,000 hectares lowland site in the south of England (Somerset) for rewilding, enabling the natural regeneration of trees, plants and wildflowers and creating space where animals can live freely, and vulnerable species can recover.

The land already had existing buildings that could be easily converted to create educational spaces and accommodation for visitors. In assisting them in the project they've become the UK's first national rewilding landowner and have helped:

- Create spaces where animals can live freely and vulnerable species can recover;
- Combat climate change by healing the land, growing plants and trees, protecting underground stores of soil carbon and preventing the emission of greenhouse gases from substances such as fertilisers and Improve wellbeing, a space where everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the peace nature brings.

The Foundation has become self-supporting, generating revenue from eco-tourism, educational courses and events and creating jobs and bringing economic benefit to the local community. They are recording baseline data for habitat condition, soil health, species presence/absence/ abundance and of levels of carbon in the soil and in the plant biomass and monitoring these changes regularly to ascertain key changes.

c) Without Incineration Network - £7,500

In 2023 the Green Britain Foundation supported some public participation in environmental decision-making, by engaging with, and educating, relevant stakeholders, including those involved within strategic policy decision-making, around the potential impacts and practical measures to apply in addressing sustainable waste and resource

management within the UK. The aim being to support the move towards a more circular and low-carbon economy,

The United Kingdom Without Incineration Network (UKWIN) is an independent network of environmental citizens seeking to achieve more sustainable waste management. The Network coordinates focus groups for local communities and members of the public and regularly engages with a range of stakeholders throughout the UK to improve and inform decision-making, including participating in public consultations.

The project funds enabled UKWIN to extend their educational work including supporting roundtable discussions that explored the economic, social, and environmental impacts of the introduction of a moratorium on new Incineration units across England (as introduced in both Wales and Scotland). The NGO also explored how such a policy could be implemented to maximise public benefit and minimise the unintended consequences of burning waste, including encouraging more waste to be created to keep incinerators in the UK going.

The debate on this is still ongoing but the Green Britain Foundation trustees are pleased to have been able to support the discussion.

d) Captain Paul Watson Foundation - £132,000

Funds gifted to Captain Paul Watson of the Captain Paul Watson Foundation were granted to support the purchase of a sea vessel to be used for the interception of activities harmful to marine life – it has been used so far in the interception of whaling in Iceland and will be on campaign throughout 2023-24.

In all cases grant applications are completed by Foundation / organisation representatives, which are then reviewed by the trustees – and evaluated against the charitable activities and the impact they will have to public benefit.

4. Taking Land back to Nature

The purchase of woodland has been an important focus for the trustees of the Green Britain Foundation in the year, with the aim of enhancing the ability to increase biodiversity, natural regeneration and the sequestration of carbon**.**

Funds of £1,441,272 were spent on the purchase of woodland (‘Hunters Farm Wood’) based in Sussex. The woods and open ground will be managed for rewilding while maintaining public access and providing interpretation to educate and support people’s understanding of the importance of woodland and open ground being allowed to regenerate.

The coppice in the woods is in poor condition. It is intended that this will be restored by giving access for traditional forest management techniques and potentially holding open days to share learnings.

Consideration will be given to whether there is any public benefit from holding open days to publicise this.

The site also has some relic Ancient Woodland and there will be a seed collection program established that will encourage the growing of local provenance tree stock for use within the woods as well as for wider planting in Sussex.
The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit in managing the decisions and activities of the charity.

The trustees are satisfied that these documents meet the needs of the charity, now and into the future.

Financial review

Review of financial position at the end of the reporting period

The Charity received a significant increase in donations during the year to £8,182,847 (2022: 452,084) with £7,937,147 being unrestricted (2022: £158,324) and £245,700 being restricted (2022: £293,760). Donations increased due to two individually significant, unrestricted donations from Ecotricity Group Limited amounting to £7,500,772.
The Charity's principal funding sources continue to be from corporate companies within Green Britain Group Limited.

The Group shares common goals with the charity and as such the resources continue to be employed to further the Charity's key objective to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint.

There was also an increase in expenditure on charitable activities to £787,458 (2022: £197,587) with £552,858 being unrestricted (2022: £19,788) and £234,600 being restricted (2022: £177,790). The increase was due primarily to an increase in the number and amount of grants payable during the year including £132,000 to Captain Paul Watson Foundation International (2022: £Nil), £43,000 to A Greener Festival (2022: £12,000). Additionally, there was £169,018 spent on work to highlight a pathway towards transitioning to a greener Britain.

The Charity's financial position as at 30 April 2023 is strong. Net assets increased to £7,625,274 (2022: £231,142) due to a significant unrestricted cash donation in days leading up to year end and an investment in land. The purpose of the investment in land at Hunters Farm Wood of the £1,441,272 is elaborated in section 4 of this report.
The Charity does not hold any material financial investments as at 30 April 2023.

Reserves
In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the Charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.
The trustees propose to maintain the Charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months operational expenditure (£61,500) and have done so having regard to its manner of operation of likely funding streams.

The Charity held funds totalling £7,625,274 (2022: 231,142) which includes £148,477 (2022: £145,174) in the FGR Community reserve and £10,300 (2022: £3,400) in the Alveston Community Benefit Fund both of which are restricted. The Charity has no designations or committed expenditure as at 30 April 2023. Within unrestricted funds there is £1,441,272 (2022: £Nil) which is invested in fixed assets and is therefore not deemed to be liquid resources. Therefore, the Charity has free reserves of £6,024,400 (2022: £81,743).

The trustees of the Charity intend for the free reserves to be brought down in line with policy and to ensure that this cash is utilised in the Charities activities in line with its key objectives.

Principal Risks

Safeguarding

The Charity's activities involve working alongside vulnerable adults and children and is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment.

To mitigate against safeguarding risks, the Charity maintains a safeguarding policy which is regularly reviewed and is shared with all staff. Checks are conducted on all new employees who are required to have recent DBS disclosures. Safeguarding training is provided to staff upon induction and staff attend the FA Safeguarding Children workshop when deemed appropriate.

Third parties engaged by the charity undergo vigorous vetting and safeguarding checks to satisfy the Trust's policy.

Income generation

The Charity's income portfolio is not diverse and therefore the Charity is over-reliant on a few income streams.

FGR Community relies heavily on income from the Premier League and the English Football League (EFL) which is dependent on Forest Green Rovers Football Club's status as a member of the EFL.

To mitigate against this the Charity commits to few fixed expenses and budgets its activities based on the income that it receives. The Charity also maintains a reserves policy to protect against reductions to income.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Green Britain Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and

  the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to make themselves aware of that information.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 23 February 2024. Signed on behalf of the Board:

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Dale Vince OBE
Trustee

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

Independent auditor's report to the members of Green Britain Foundation.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Green Britain Foundation (the "Charity") for the year ended 30 April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Charity's affairs as at 30 April 2023 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with international Standards in Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.
Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report the fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the trustees' report (incorporating the directors' report) for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable law requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit; or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Other matter

The corresponding figures presented in these financial statements are unaudited.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the Charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the charity through discussions with those charged with governance and other management, and from our knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements of the operations of the company, including the Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation and data protection, anti-bribery, employment, pensions, environmental and health and safety legislation; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management, inspecting legal correspondence and remaining alert during the audit for any indications of non-compliance.

Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- making enquiries of those charged with governance and other management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud;
- gaining an understanding of the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- testing journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessing whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in the accounting policies were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigating the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditors/audit-assurance-ethics/auditors-responsibilities-for-the-audit. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Charity's members those matters we are required to state in them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Joshua Kingston ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Burton Sweet Limited
Statutory Auditor
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Date: 23 February 2024

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847	452,084
Reserves from Green Britain Centre	**15**	-	-	-	88,645
Total income		7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847	540,729
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**3**	360	897	1,257	4,941
Charitable activities	**4**	552,858	234,600	787,458	197,578
Total expenditure		553,218	235,497	788,715	202,519
Net income/(expenditure)	**7**	7,383,929	10,203	7,394,132	338,210
Transfer between funds	**13**	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		7,383,929	10,203	7,394,132	338,210
Total funds brought forward	**13**	81,743	149,399	231,142	(107,068)
Total funds carried forward	**13**	7,465,672	159,602	7,625,274	231,142

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 28 to 37 form part of these financial statements
See note 8 for comparative statement of financial activities figures.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2023 **Company number: 08121843**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Non-current assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**10**	1,441,272	-
		1,441,272	-
Current assets			
Debtors	**11**	70,044	25,484
Cash at bank		6,215,534	286,658
		6,285,578	312,142
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	**12**	(101,576)	(81,000)
Net Current Assets		6,184,002	231,142
Net assets		7,625,274	231,142
Funds			
Restricted funds	**14**	159,602	149,399
Unrestricted funds	**14**	7,465,672	81,743
		7,625,274	231,142

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS102).

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 23 February 2024 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 28 to 37 form part of these financial statements

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	**16**	7,370,148	163,061
Non-operational cash flows:			
Payments for tangible fixed assets		(1,441,272)	-
		(1,441,272)	-
Net cash flow for the year		5,928,876	163,061
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		286,658	123,597
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		6,215,534	286,658

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority.

In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 28 to 37 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historical cost convention (except where otherwise stated in the accounting policy note) and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider this an appropriate basis upon which to prepare the statements.

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Raising funds includes those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions.

Charitable activities costs include all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. This includes such items as external scrutiny, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory matters.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment.

Depreciation is charged so as to write off the cost of assets, other than land, over their estimated useful lives.

h) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	7,888,431	58,439	7,946,870
Public bodies	700	41,057	41,757
Charities and trusts	10,183	81,132	91,315
Donations in kind	37,833	-	37,833
Individuals	-	65,072	65,072
	7,937,147	245,700	8,182,847

Prior year comparative	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	150,101	249,228	399,329
Government bodies	-	23,530	23,530
Public bodies	625	19,458	20,083
Charities and trusts	7,598	-	7,598
Individuals	-	1,544	1,544
	158,324	293,760	452,084

The donation in kind relates to facilities and services gifted to the foundation from Ecotricity Group Limited.

3 Expenditure on: Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Catering supplies	-	512	512
Football equipment	-	385	385
Software licences	360	-	360
	360	897	1,257

Prior year comparative	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Catering supplies	-	3,038	3,038
Football equipment	210	910	1,120
Training facilities	-	783	783
	210	4,731	4,941

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants payables (note 5)	189,500	15,500
Wages and salaries	190,369	103,676
Other staff costs	7,037	5,992
Marketing	63,336	22,321
Legal and professional fees	65,125	12,173
Consultancy fees	191,241	28,316
Premises insurance	1,185	791
Rent and rates	290	-
Event costs	14,708	4,532
Utilities costs	1,386	702
Postage and stationery	568	1,169
Bank charges	243	32
Bad debt written off	6,452	(2,274)
Sundry expenses	26,410	1,342
Governance costs	29,608	3,306
	787,458	197,578

5 Grants Payable

Total grant commitments made in the year	2023 £	2022 £
Grants to organisation based in the United Kingdom:		
Captain Paul Watson Foundation (formerly known as Sea Shepherd)	132,000	-
Alveston Community Fund	-	3,500
A Greener Festival Ltd	43,000	12,000
Other small grants (under £1,000)	7,000	-
United Kingdom Without Incineration Network's (UKWIN's)	7,500	-
	189,500	15,500
Total cost as stated in the SOFA (Note 4)	189,500	15,500

6 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	171,222	91,924
Social Security costs	12,130	7,567
Pension costs	7,017	4,185
	190,369	103,676

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

The average number of employees during the year was 12 (2022: 6).

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees and the Head of FGR Community. The total employee benefits received by key management personnel was £11,847 (2022: £18,968).

Other than as disclosed in note 17, no remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was either paid or payable for the current or prior period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or previous period.

7 Net income/(expenditure)

Net income is stated after charging:	**2023** **£**	2022 £
Auditor's remuneration		
- current year fee	9,360	-
- accounts preparation	1,920	-
Independent examiner's remuneration		
- current year fee	-	840
- accounts preparation	-	1,260

8 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds **£**	**Restricted Funds** **£**	**Total Funds 2022** **£**
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	158,324	293,760	452,084
Reserves from Green Britain Centre	88,645	-	88,645
Total income	246,969	293,760	540,729
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	210	4,731	4,941
Charitable activities	19,788	177,790	197,578
Total expenditure	19,998	182,521	202,519
Net income/(expenditure)	226,971	111,239	338,210
Transfer between funds	(32,872)	32,872	-
Net movement in funds	194,099	144,111	338,210
Total funds brought forward	(112,356)	5,288	(107,068)
Total funds carried forward	81,743	149,399	231,142

9 Investments

Green Britain Centre
Historically the investment in Green Britain Centre Limited was acquired at nil cost.

In 2022 Green Britain Foundation was the sole member of Green Britain Centre Limited, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, Green Britain Centre Limited was the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

In 2022 Green Britain Centre ceased trading and donated all of its remaining reserves to Green Britain Foundation. The company dissolved on 27 September 2022.

FGR Community
The investment in FGR Community was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of FGR Community, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, FGR Community is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

FGR Community was dormant with no activity going through the company for the year ended 30 April 2023 (2022: £Nil).

At 30 April 2023 FGR Community held no members' funds (2022: £Nil).

10 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold Land £	Total £
Cost		
Additions	1,441,272	1,441,272
At 30 April 2023	1,441,272	1,441,272
Net book value		
At 30 April 2023	1,441,272	1,441,272
At 30 April 2022	-	-

11 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors	69,242	25,484
Prepayments and accrued income	802	-
	70,044	25,484

12 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	9,646	5,301
Accruals and deferred income	24,457	2,100
Taxation and social security	4,346	-
Other creditors	63,127	73,599
	101,576	81,000

13 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	145,174	233,800	(230,497)	-	148,477
Alveston Community Benefit	3,400	6,900	-	-	10,300
The Football Association	825	-	-	-	825
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
	149,399	245,700	(235,497)	-	159,602
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	81,743	7,937,147	(553,218)	-	7,465,672
	231,142	8,182,847	(788,715)	-	7,625,274

13 Movement in funds (Continued)

Restricted Fund Descriptions

FGR Community

Funds within the GBF which are restricted for FGR Community are restricted according to our funder stipulations, for the delivery of our programmatic work and for the core running costs of our

Alveston Community Benefit

Funds within the GBF for our 'Community Benefit' donation programme are allocated strictly for the issue of grants to the Alveston Community. Grant applications are called for on an annual basis. All applications and projects are reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees, with funds issued annually, as deemed in-line with the GBF's charitable aims.

The Football Association

Funds received from the Football Association and are restricted to football related expenditure, such as matchday catering supplies.

Ministry of Eco Education

The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the school curriculum. Initial activities have included mapping the environmental education landscape and compiling free resources from over 160 organisations to create over 50 series of lessons housed on a bespoke website, framed around broad enquiry questions. In addition and Education Lead supports each school with the implementation of these resources. The Green Britain Foundation is funding this programme to advance the education and learning of young people from primary (and soon Secondary) schools, to help them become Young Green Britons, able to have agency in changing the way we live for the better.

Red Horse Foundation

In 2022 The Red Horse Foundation was the recipient of £800 from the Green Britain Foundation, through its wholly owned subsidiary FGR Community. Funds donated by the Community Trust's partner Candriam were donated to this Foundation to enable one young person affected by a family bereavement to continue to receive equine therapy, in-line with the Trust's Health and Wellbeing strand of work within the Community.

A Greener Festival

In 2022 this organisation received £12,000 from the Green Britain Foundation to support the development of tools and help fund some of the costs of their team's time and expertise to help green up festivals and other outdoor events.

13 Movement in funds (Continued)

Prior year comparative

	At 1 May 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2022 £
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	4,463	281,860	(141,149)	-	145,174
Alveston Community Benefit	-	6,900	(3,500)	-	3,400
The Football Association	825	-	-	-	825
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(25,072)	20,072	-
Red Horse Foundation	-	-	(800)	800	-
A Greener Festival	-	-	(12,000)	12,000	-
	5,288	293,760	(182,521)	32,872	149,399
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(112,356)	246,969	(19,998)	(32,872)	81,743
	(107,068)	540,729	(202,519)	-	231,142

14 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2023 £
Restricted funds	-	159,602	159,602
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	1,441,272	6,024,400	7,465,672
	1,441,272	6,184,002	7,625,274

Prior year comparative

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Other Net Assets £	Total Funds 2022 £
Restricted funds	-	149,399	149,399
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	-	81,743	81,743
	-	231,142	231,142

15 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

16 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023	2022
	£	£
Statement of Financial Activities: Net movement in funds	7,394,132	338,210
Increase / (decrease) in creditors: current liabilities	20,576	(269,542)
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(44,560)	94,393
Net cash flow from operating activities	7,370,148	163,061

17 Related party transactions

Helen Taylor, a trustee, is a director and majority share holder of One Blue Marble who invoices for the provision of services (2023: £11,847, 2022: 11,651). One Blue Marble manages the governance of The Green Britain Foundation and supports the operational running of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary - entitled FGR Community. This is permitted under the governing document (Articles of Association) for the Charity.

Included within income for the Foundation in the year is £7,941,349 from Trustees and related parties.

Dale Vince, a trustee, is a director and majority shareholder of the following entities from which Green Britain Foundation transacts with:
Ecotricity Group Limited
Ecotricity Limited
Forest Green Rovers
Alveston Wind Park Limited

During the year Green Britain Foundation had the following related party expenditure, see detail below:

	£
Forest Green Rovers	8,143
	8,143

Included at the year end are the following balances owed by related parties:

	Creditors	**Debtors**	**Total**
	£	**£**	**£**
Forest Green Rovers	(63,127)	45,044	(18,083)
Alveston Wind Park Limited	-	20,700	20,700
	(63,127)	65,744	2,617

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1148783

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Green Britain Foundation
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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022, which also comprises of the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative information, as set out on page one, form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2019).

Structure, Governance and Management

The Green Britain Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 12 August 2019 and is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1148783). Date of incorporation was 27 June 2012.

In the event of the company being wound up, the member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. Dale Vince is the sole member of the charity.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. The trustees are all individuals.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are invited to join the board. The trustees who served in the reporting period were Dale Vince, Helen Taylor and Dahlia Nahome, who was appointed on 23 July 2021. There were no other changes during the year, or in the period between the year-end and the approval of the accounts.

The governing document allows for a minimum of two trustees and there are currently three.

In appointing trustees, the charity follows the Charity Commission guidelines and specifically:

- Identifies the need
- Agrees the skills and experiences we require and create a person and role specification
- Agrees an open process of recruitment
- Ensures that the charity opens the opportunity to a diverse range of candidates
- Interviews against the criteria the charity has identified, in a fair and objective manner
- invites preferred candidates to join subject to references
- Obtains written confirmation that candidates are eligible in law to be trustees
- Asks candidates to declare conflicts of interest
- Formalises the appointment in line with the charity's governing document
- The chair writes to candidates setting out their duties and responsibilities as trustees and directors or delegates this to the General Manager

- A formal induction process is undertaken
- Trustees are formally welcomed to the board
- The decision is ratified at the next AGM

At the Annual General Meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment. Mr Dale Vince retires as a trustee at the next Annual General Meeting but is eligible for reappointment.

Organisation

The board of trustees, which shall include no less than two members, administers the charity. The trustee board comprises of three trustees.

The Charity comprises the wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, delivering outreach programmes aligned to the football club, Forest Green Rovers FC, in accordance with the Articles of Association. The FGR Community board comprises three directors: two independent directors and one representing Forest Green Rovers FC. The board meet at least three times a year, with separate sub-committees responsible for operations, human resources, finance, governance and outreach updates.

A Chief Executive Officer, as appointed by the trustees, manages the day-to-day operations of FGR Community. A General Manager is appointed by the trustees to run the day-to-day operations of the Green Britain Charity as a whole.

Risk management

The trustees are aware that a key risk is the safeguarding of children and adults, including GDPR measures, which are particularly relevant to FGR Community's programme delivery within the community. A safeguarding culture has been instilled throughout the organisation from top to bottom, with stringent processes and training in place.

Staff and volunteers understand the importance of safeguarding and the appropriate action that is required to ensure FGR Community provides a safe environment for its service users. FGR Community has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, as well as a further support, in the form of a Safeguarding Forum managed by Forest Green Rovers Football Club – with a designated Safeguarding lead on the Board of Directors of FGR Community.

Throughout the reporting period, the Covid 19 pandemic continued to affect FGR Community's ability to run a full programme of activities, particularly into early 2022.

Objects and activities of the charity

The purpose of the charity is as set out in its governing document.

The charity's purposes (objects) are for the benefit of the public generally, both in the United Kingdom and overseas:

a) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment

b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health
c) To provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life
d) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by providing facilities and activities in an environmentally friendly way and which demonstrates the benefits of the physical and natural environment
e) To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit, in accordance with the law of charity and in particular in relation to the protection of the physical and natural environment.

A full version of the objects is available on the Charity Commission website.

The main activities undertaken in relation to these purposes during the year

The Green Britain Foundation serves to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint, while also using the power of football and other outreach activities to improve the lives of people through participation in sport and education.

The Foundation's objectives for year-ending 30 April 2022, encompassed:

- **Environmental Education –** Engaging young people in the solutions towards a greener Britain, through the development and implementation of a new eco curriculum
- **Environment and sustainability** - Increasing awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action
- **Sport and Recreation** – Engaging people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport
- **Health and Wellbeing** – Promoting healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing
- **Inclusion and Community Cohesion** – Providing the opportunity for people and communities facing common barriers to come together under the umbrella of football
- **Education and employability** – Educating, motivating, and inspiring people to learn of opportunities through the power of sport to help them fulfil their potential and consider their impact on their wider community and the environment.
- **Governance** – Ensuring the operations of the Foundation/Trust were run efficiently and effectively
- **Community Benefit** – Supporting ways that people can reduce their environmental impact through the administration of a Community Benefit grant to communities within the vicinity of Ecotricity's energy generation projects.

The board of trustees continues to be satisfied that the activities of the Green Britain Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, satisfactorily meet the Charity Commission public benefit requirements.

Further information within the achievements and performance section of this report provides details of the work undertaken to meet these aims and objectives.

In terms of delivery, the charity experienced some challenges in relation to the Covid-19 omicron variant that became particularly prevalent during the Christmas period of 2021 which led to some programmatic activities having to be postponed. This situation improved from February 2022 onwards.

Thanks to the success of various funding bids and collaborative working with other community partners, FGR Community (also known as 'the Trust') has continued to serve as a central part of the community over this reporting period.

The board is grateful to Ecotricity Group Limited for its funding support towards the running of the Foundation and development and implementation of the Ministry of Eco Education programme, along with funding gifted by the legal firm, TLT LLP.

Significant funding has also been received from the English Football League Trust, as unrestricted funds to support the running of FGR Community along with some restricted funds to support the ongoing development of the Trust. The Premier League Charitable Fund (PLCF) has also continued to fund FGR Community's ability to run the Premier League Primary Stars programme throughout the Gloucestershire area, as referenced below and the Professional Footballers Association (PFA) has funded a programme of activity involving Forest Green Rovers FC players attending school visits and engaging with the community.

Individual grants have been secured - several from local authorities who have granted funds to FGR Community to deliver the Government's Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme in 2022 within the Gloucestershire area, particularly Stroud and Nailsworth.

The Board of trustees is grateful to all those who have granted funds, including an increasing number of businesses who have formed partnerships with the Trust to achieve some powerful additional community engagement. Particular thanks go to companies: Candriam, Grundon, Innocent, Filtration Ltd, First Choice Utilities, Adey Innovation Limited and Parkers.

The Board is also pleased to have been able to invest the reserves received from the closing of the Green Britain Centre bank account (it's charitable visitor centre that operated until summer 2018) into the Green Britain Foundation. A proportion of this funding is to be used to bring in an external consultant to help support the 'next phase' development and strategy for FGR Community, with the aim of increasing the Trust's income and impact in line with the needs of the immediate and wider community.

Key Developments and Achievements

The following developments and achievements have been delivered over the course of this financial year:

Environmental Education

Aim: To engage young people in the solutions towards a greener Britain, through the development and implementation of a new eco curriculum.

Delivery: The Ministry of Eco Education (MEE) was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the National Curriculum and making this available for primary schools. Initial activities included mapping the environmental education landscape and compiling free resources, drawn from over 160 environmental organisations. These were woven together into more than 50 series of lessons, framed around broad enquiry questions, initially based on the principles of achieving a Green Britain: focusing on the energy we use, the way we travel, what we eat and the importance of making room for nature

Minchinhampton Academy in Stroud led the journey by taking part in a process of collaboration between staff, pupils and the wider school community to help craft and refine the curriculum.

For the academic year Sept 2021 to 2022 the Ministry of Eco Education supported fifteen pioneer primary schools, in an initial trial, embedding sustainability across their curriculum. Schools gained access to support materials, in person visits, assemblies and staff training.

Through a reflective process, schools provided feedback and shared best practice to help inform and develop the curriculum. By the end of the 2021/22 academic year more than 100 schools were engaging with the Ministry of Eco Education materials and support.

Across the schools Ministry of Eco Education witnessed a significant impact on young people, staff and wider initiatives in the community:

- Young people developed a deeper connection with nature and increased knowledge and understanding of the climate and nature emergency.
- Young people experienced increased positive engagement with the local community.
- Teachers felt more supported and confident to teach education for sustainability.

Throughout the year the Ministry of Eco Education actively sought relationships to build the scope of the curriculum as well as enlist more schools to take part.

Future Plans:

To extend and adapt the curriculum for a secondary school audience, with the mission to reach 10,000 primary and 2,000 Secondary schools by 2025 and deliver the first Young Green Briton Challenge, a national platform to nurture, support and celebrate youth-led, school-based climate action.

The Challenge will support students aged 11-14 to learn and apply design, innovation, business and other transferable skills, empowering young people to explore local climate and sustainability issues and design entrepreneurial solutions or campaigns to address the problems they identify.

Students will have the chance to receive seed funding from the Green Britain Foundation and mentorship to support the development of their ideas. It is hoped the Challenge will supercharge a new generation of positive social action in communities across the UK. Schools are at the heart of their communities and have the potential to be catalysts for positive change in the face of social and environmental crises.

The Ministry of Eco Education team will work alongside FGR Community to promote this Challenge and support them in delivering environmental Education Activations, including

workshops and training to schools, community organisations and Forest Green Rovers' School Ambassadors.

Environment and Sustainability

Aim: To increase awareness of environmentally sustainable practices through education and action-led initiatives.

Alongside FGR Community's parent club, Forest Green Rovers FC (FGR), declared as the "greenest football club in the world" by FIFA, the Trust continued to share ways of tackling the climate crisis to its community audience and played a significant role during the year in helping shape the way other EFL Trusts could begin to be more environmentally responsible.

From early June 2021, FGR Community worked with the English Football League (EFL) Trust and Premier League Charitable Foundation (PLCF) to produce an additional section ('Section 15') to the EFL Trust's Capability Code of Practice (CCOP). All EFL Trusts, known as 'Club Community Organisations' (CCO's) are required to adhere to the CCOP to operate and meet specific funding eligibility criteria set by the EFL Trust.

Section 15 of the CCOP required **all 72 CCO's in the English Football League to embed environmental sustainability practices into their operations** and fan engagement activities for the first time – and for each CCO to demonstrate tangible reductions in their carbon footprint.

Section 15 was announced in October 2021 at the EFL Trust Conference, hosted at St George's Park (England's FA's Training Ground) with the support of FGR Community and Dale Vince, Trustee of the Green Britain Foundation and Chairman of FGR. The new CCOP was officially launched in January 2022. This was seen as a transformational shift for football clubs and their CCO's up and down the country to be recognising the importance of environmental sustainability and to be engaging their community in doing something about this.

To support this new approach, the EFL Trust sought 'Kickstarter' funding to place young people looking to develop a career in sustainability within CCO's and help implement Section 15. FGR Community took on two such Kickstarter roles, who have been invaluable in continuing to embed good environmental practices within the Trust and support other
CCO's based around the UK in working towards this. One young person who was with the Trust has since gone on to work for an environmental organisation in London, the other still works for FGR Community and is being supported in her continued development.

FGR Community also hosted several **student visits** at FGR to engage young people in the challenges we face relating to the climate crisis and how these are being practically tackled within the unusual setting of a football club. These visits included: 180 pupils from George Dixon Academy, Birmingham, Year Seven pupils from Wycliffe College in Gloucestershire, and students from the University of Birmingham and University of Gloucester. Students from Bath University produced a video to showcase FGR Community's/FGR's green credentials, which was shared by each party's social media platforms to raise awareness of the importance of everyone being involved in tackling the climate crisis and ways to do this.

As well as the above, FGR Community hosted **Fit2Last sessions** for Wycliffe College in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire and Randwick Primary School in Stroud. Students joined the Trust for the day to learn about the environmental practices the Club has introduced and met the Club Chef who ran a demonstration cooking session for the students before helping them make some of the menu items that are eaten on a matchday at FGR. This served as great way to learn about food groups, how a vegan diet can be good for the environment and your health and how this practice can be emulated at home.

FGR Community also hosted numerous **Eco tours** throughout the match season, as well as mid-week at FGR's ground, for fans, visitors, and community organisations, including volunteers at Nailsworth Information Centre, to help them learn about the Club and Trust's green ethos and how this can be replicated in their own settings and promoted to local visitors.

In addition, FGR Community has l**ed meetings and discussions about the environmental; lessons and opportunities** that have arisen through being the 'Greenest Club in the World' with other local participants, as well as many from beyond the county boundaries, and supported the club in communicating these values to national and international fans and research fellows.

The FGR Community team also oversaw **unwanted sports kits and boots being collected and redistributed** by FGR's fans and FGR school ambassadors, including kit donated from the club and retail items bought at cost that have been distributed throughout the season to individuals and groups where there has been a need, thus also diverting unwanted clothing from landfill and ensuring the club reuse and wastes less in line with the Trust and club's core ethos.

Sport and Recreation

Aim: To engage people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport

Throughout the year FGR Community continued to help increase people's participation in sport, using football to motivate, inspire and encourage them to realise how sport has a big part to play in achieving a healthy, happy lifestyle.

Building on its parent club's matchday excitement, FGR Community continued to deliver fun and engaging activities such as **Soccer Camp** holiday programmes for younger children in the community. Thanks to the generous funding support of Stroud District and Gloucestershire County Council, and FGR Community Partner funding, FGR Community were able to include several children eligible for HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) funding support in the year's Soccer Camp programme of activities.

Soccer Camps were delivered at local schools in the Summer and again during Autumn half-term. The Coronavirus Omicron variant hit in early December which meant FGR Community's Children's Christmas party had to be cancelled but the Trust still ensured the 35 children under the HAF programme who were due to attend this received food parcels and were later invited to a match and issued free food vouchers.

As we began to exit from Covid restrictions, the soccer camps were up and running again and FGR Community were delighted to be able to provide Free School Meal (FSM) places in

addition to those places allocated by the district council through HAF. Across all holidays including half terms, both traditional soccer camps and activity days were laid on and 198 free places were offered in addition to the designated HAF places only offered during the longer holidays at Summer, Christmas and Easter.

The children also got to meet FGR's Scholar Academy players and several of the FGR Community's young Ambassadors who helped support the delivery of the two-day camp session at the May half term, meaning they were able to interact with young and inspiring role models.

FGR Community were able to take the **FGR ambassadors to the Carabao Cup game** against Brentford and paid for their tickets so that they could attend the Bristol Rovers match, which was a doubleheader with the men's and women's teams playing consecutively; the first event of its kind and promoting inclusion and equality.

Health and wellbeing

Aim: To promote healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing.

FGR Community aimed to enhance people's health and wellbeing through the delivery of a series of programmes and activities including:

- Weekly **Parkinson's Dance sessions** run at FGR for 12 unique participants, which was extended to those adults and older persons living with MS and other life debilitating or progressive conditions by encompassing Stroud District Council's 'Better Balance 'programme which was a group that were severely impeded by the pandemic.

- Regular **Talk Club sessions,** designed for men to get together at FGR and talk about their feelings and meet others. In response to feedback from 6 regular attendees, this was changed from being a set sit-down session to more of a kick-about which proved more popular and allowed people to open up when they are ready and if they want to.

- Helping create a **Children and Young Person's Working Group** in the Trust's local town, Nailsworth to better understand young people's needs, as more mental health and loneliness issues are becoming apparent. This was a forum to share learning, work collaboratively and ensure appropriate provision was made for the more vulnerable households locally in every holiday, not just those funded by HAF.

- Delivering the Trust's **Tackling Loneliness programme**, in the form of handling referrals for 'Befriending' the elderly or vulnerable adults needing some contact and support by the Trust's dedicated Community Wellbeing and Inclusion Coordinator. The team worked alongside Adult Social Care, Housing and Social Prescribing to help support the most vulnerable in our community.

- Hosting **monthly coffees and chats at the local Arkell Centre** in conjunction with their local youth worker and providing opportunities for residents from two of Nailsworth and Minchinhampton's Sheltered Housing groups to attend a matchday. This led to them realising the benefit of FGR Community and also helped with securing a Community Development Worker in the area (see below).

- Delivering **vegan food to charities** and local businesses, during the Christmas period, including fresh produce, matchday ingredients and activity bags to those who were due to attend the Christmas party and FSM pupils who had attended previous soccer camps. The Trust also gave FGR kit and gifts to the local HomeStart and KidsStuff operations and visited Gloucester Royal Children's inpatient department and Allsorts Toy Library to deliver presents for children.

- Any **excess food and drink from matchdays or other community activities were redistributed** to other users, participants and community organisations to minimise waste.

The Trust played an active role in helping determine the need for a **Community Development Worker** (CDW) for the district of Forest Green and Nailsworth to help address and support some of the challenging circumstances the community has been experiencing.

The Head of FGR Community led partnership funding applications for this role and successfully secured financial support for this post to be employed for three years, starting in late 2022. The Trust is grateful to its community partners, Adey and Parkers, who will be providing match funds to help pay for this role, along with the Clinical Commissioning Group, Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and Nailsworth Town Council.

Inclusion and cohesion.

Aim: To provide the opportunity for people and communities facing common barriers and to help support individuals with their self-esteem, self-worth and ability to tackle social issues.

FGR Community achieved this through:

- Hosting a **Football Festival in the summer,** with the support of FGR's Academy Scholars and funding from the Football Foundation, to help get football back on the agenda again after the pandemic and encourage more girls to be involved and active.

- Meeting with the Gloucestershire Football Association to determine how more women and girls could play football which led to the Trust helping establish **Barclay Girls Football Partnership Steering Group,** aimed at encouraging schools to sign up for lunchtime and afterschool girls football sessions to help progress the women's game. This group began hosting football sessions at some of the Trust's Primary Stars Programme schools (see below) and local grassroots clubs, and actively took part in the FGR's Women's Team #LetGirlsPlay challenge in the summer.

- Running weekly '**Wildcats' sessions** for girls aged 5-11 at Katherine Lady Berkeley's School, in Wooten-Under-Edge.

- Organising **player visits and appearances;** the Club's Academy scholars regularly attended Nailsworth primary School (for reading) and the Women's team attended Wootton Rovers' training and supported the EFL's Utilita Girl's Cup, for which teams were selected but the local tournaments were cancelled due to covid restrictions.

- Helping deliver the '**Read for Good' partnership** established to promote literacy and inclusion in-line with the National Literacy Programme and Premier League's Growth and Development goals.

- **Giving away more than 100 tickets per match** throughout the EFL season to groups who would otherwise struggle to afford to attend a match including HAF recipients and Learning Together, who support autistic adults in the area.

- **400 Free shirts and matchday tickets** for a child and accompanying adult were given away to year 3 students form Gloucestershire thanks to the support of FGR's partners, Ecotricity and shirts and season tickets were offered to the Trust's 102 FGR Ambassadors, thanks to the support of Community partner Grundon.

The FGR Community team ensured the local community were kept abreast of their collective achievements and opportunities for others to get involved by producing their **Green Devil Magazine,** published four times in the year and distributed to schools, care homes, Independent Living and other community settings and on matchdays in hard-copy form and shared widely electronically.

Education and Employability

Aim: To educate, motivate and inspire people to learn of opportunities through the power of sport to help them fulfil their potential and consider their impact on their wider community and the environment.

A key feature of FGR Community's delivery work is the **Premier League Primary Stars programme** designed to provide in-school learning, to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills. The aim is to work with children's teachers to deliver fun, educational sessions across a range of curriculum subjects within local partner schools.

The Trust's focus to-date has been on inspiring girls and boys aged 5 – 11 in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field. Teaching materials cover subjects such as PE, PSHE, English and Maths, and focusing on areas including teamwork and problem solving.
Students can participate in competitions ranging from national football tournaments to creative writing and reading interventions for reluctant readers, as well as engaging in education activations and social action projects.

The Trust employed two new causal community coaches early in the year to help the Programmes Delivery Manager with expanding the PLPS programme. This included working with:

- **Sapperton Church of England Primary School** in Cirencester, for two school two terms, including Physical Education and teacher support)
- **Avening Primary school** in Tetbury, with their social action; 'Be Kind', anti-bullying programme, which rippled out to the village's Community café
- **Stroud High School (Secondary)** providing support with their PE and after school Fixtures
- **Nailsworth Primary School** in Gloucestershire, involving pupils reading with the FGR Academy scholars, to help with reading and their aim to develop them as good role models
- **Katharine Lady Berkely's School** in Wooten-Under-Edge support with inclusion

The FGR Community team have also engaged with **Kempsford** Church of England Primary School in Gloucestershire and **Beech Green** Primary School in Quedgeley, Gloucestershire.

The most frequently requested support from schools is for FGR Community to support schools' PHSE lessons which reflects the need to support mental, as well as physical, wellbeing and reinforce positive behaviours and values.

FGR Community is unique in running a **FGR Ambassadors and Ambassador Alumni programme**. The Trust's Primary and Secondary school Ambassador Programme engaged with **102 ambassadors and 63 schools, with three of these being outside of Gloucestershire** in this reporting period. This reach is higher than the previous year, most likely because the Covid pandemic was not viewed as a risk, with 72 Ambassadors (50 schools) signed up in 2020-21.

As well as promoting FGR's activities, FGR Ambassadors engage their schools and communities, promoting the club's environmental ethos and sustainability messages and are committed to environmental activism as much as supporting their team on the pitch.

Ambassadors continued to receive regular newsletters, with updates, ideas, resources and support for their schooling, health and wellbeing and ways of integrating with the community to help them build their self-esteem and identify their skills and capabilities.

The Trust entered it's fantastic FGR Ambassadors into the EFL Community Club of the Year, where we were runner-up in the South West category.

FGR Community and the Green Britain Foundation's Ministry of Eco Education Lead Educator worked at the request of the Premier League Charitable Fund to produce **a new set of Primary Stars learning modules based on sustainability and the environment.** The team produced four modules focussing on Energy, Transport, Food and making room for Nature for launch in September 2022.

These resources were shaped to fit with the existing Primary Stars programmes, available to over 18,500 school registered as PLPS schools. This has served as a great way to embed environmental sustainability into a wide network of schools with each signposted to the Ministry of Eco Education for additional teaching resources, as needed.

In support of **helping more young people**, the Head of FGR Community completed mentor scheme training, the Trust offered two Duke of Edinburgh Students volunteering roles on matchdays, alongside the ambassadors who are regular volunteers, and took on a work placement in the Summer, put two students through their UEFA C badge and supported three Kickstarter roles.

Future Plans:

In the coming year FGR Community plans to:

- Further expand the women and girl's offer.
- Increase delivery in both local primary and secondary schools and support those further afield through an online offer.
- Continue to expand the Delivery of the Premier League Primary Stars programme in the local community using the hook of football,
- Implement the Premier League Kicks programme aimed at inspiring young people to achieve their potential and improve their wellbeing and to discover positive pathways

and life skills with access to weekly football and multi-sports, mentors, and education workshops.
- Re-establish on-site educational visits and food projects.
- Recruit a Community Development Worker for Forest Green and Nailsworth.
- Further support care homes and independent living with activities that promote social inclusion, physical and mental wellbeing, and environmental awareness.

The trustees have also commissioned a review of FGR Community's reach and impact, structure and governance by an external consultant, recommended by the EFL Trust, to ensure it continues to be relevant and beneficial to the immediate and wider community and interdependencies within its sphere of influence are working collaboratively and maximising funding opportunities to bring about positive change within the community. The Board has taken this decision to invest in this process while the reserves of the charity are higher than previous years, to plan ahead. This will include a restructure as a result of the former CEO of FGR Community having stood down in September 2022.

Governance

Objective: to ensure the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively,

Throughout the year, comprehensive reviews of the operations and financial performance of the Green Britain Foundation, including the FGR Community Trust, have been overseen by the designated Trustee responsible for Governance, to include quarterly Operations and Finance Review Meetings and Board Meetings. All meetings are minuted and available for review.

Careful evaluation and review of all necessary procedures and policies have continued to be undertaken.

Future Plans

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Community Benefit Funding

Aim: to promote ways people can reduce their environmental impact and administer community grants within the vicinity of Ecotricity energy generation projects to support initiatives that achieve this.

During the year, the trustees have approved grants to be issued to the community of Alveston, South Bristol, linked to an installation of wind turbines within their area, and with all projects scrutinised and accepted as being in compliant with our Green Britain Foundation 'objects'.

The following grant was issued:

Jubilee Hall, Alveston Management Committee - £3,500 to purchase and fit heavy weight thermal curtains to help draft proof the Jubilee Hall windows. The Green Britain Foundation provided partial funds towards the full cost (£5,000 including VAT) of the curtains and fitting these. The aim of these funds was to attempt to deliver a warmer environment and more efficient use of energy within the Hall for users and avoiding an increase of the carbon footprint of the Hall. Feedback from the community in relation to this project has been very positive.

Additional Grants issued

A Greener Festival - £12,000 to support the development of tools and help fund some of the costs of the team's time and expertise to help green up festivals and the wider entertainment industry and reduce their environmental impact, including evaluating the energy they use, the food they offer, and the mode of transport encouraged and made available to event participants and delegates,

Red Horse Foundation – £800 was donated by FGR Community and received from one of the Community Trust's partners, Candriam Kid's Fund, to enable a young person affected by a family bereavement to continue to receive equine therapy, in-line with the Trust's Health and Wellbeing strand of work.

In all cases grant applications are completed by the community representatives, which are then reviewed by the trustees – and evaluated against the charitable activities and the impact they will have to public benefit.
The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit in managing the decisions and activities of the charity.

The trustees are satisfied that these documents meet the needs of the charity, now and into the future.

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 30th April 2022

The financial position of the charity as at 30th April 2022 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Net movement in funds	194,099	144,111	338,210	(8,558)	(3,529)	(12,087)
Funds Brought Forward	(112,356)	5,288	(107,068)	(103,798)	8,817	(94,981)
Funds Carried Forward	**81,743**	**149,399**	**231,142**	**(112,356)**	**5,288**	**(107,068)**

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 30th April 2022

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity to be sound, as at 30th April 2022 on the basis of the above figures.

Policies on reserves

In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.

The trustees propose to hold total reserves of typically £36,702, which is estimated to be equivalent to its three months operational expenditure and have done so having regard to its manner of operation of likely funding streams. The reserves for the year-ending 30 April 2022 were £81,743. This value is above the reserves policy stated, the trustees intend to increase the charitable operations over the coming years to address this surplus.

The trustees review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their trustee board meetings.

The Trustees are content that reserves are at a satisfactory level given the size, scope and risks to the charity at the current time. The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and have no uncertainties other than managed risks about this.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Green Britain Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report (incorporating the strategic report and directors' report) and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 27th January 2023.

Signed on behalf of the Board

…….
Dale Vince OBE
Trustee

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Green Britain Foundation ('the Company')

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

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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.

Joshua Kingston BSc ACA
Burton Sweet Limited Chartered Accountants
The Clock Tower
5 Farleigh Court
Old Weston Road
Flax Bourton
Bristol BS48 1UR

Date: 27th January 2023

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	**2**	158,324	293,760	452,084	134,719
Reserves from Green Britain Centre	**15**	88,645	-	88,645	-
Total income		246,969	293,760	540,729	134,719
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	**3**	210	4,731	4,941	1,452
Charitable activities	**4**	19,788	177,790	197,578	145,354
Total expenditure		19,998	182,521	202,519	146,806
Net income/(expenditure)	**6**	226,971	111,239	338,210	(12,087)
Transfer between funds		(32,872)	32,872	-	-
Net movement in funds		194,099	144,111	338,210	(12,087)
Total funds brought forward	**11**	(112,356)	5,288	(107,068)	(94,981)
Total funds carried forward	**11**	81,743	149,399	231,142	(107,068)

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above.

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements
See note 7 for comparative statement of financial activities figures.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2022

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Debtors	**9**	25,484	119,877
Cash at bank		286,658	123,597
		312,142	243,474
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	**10**	(81,000)	(350,542)
Net Current Assets		231,142	(107,068)
Net assets		231,142	(107,068)
Funds			
Restricted funds	**12**	149,399	5,288
Unrestricted funds	**12**	81,743	(112,356)
		231,142	(107,068)

For the year ended 30 April 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476,

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 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.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 27th January 2023 and are signed on their behalf by:

……..
Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	**14**	163,061	25,259
Net cash flow for the year		163,061	25,259
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		123,597	98,338
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		286,658	123,597

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority.

In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider this an appropriate basis upon which to prepare the statements as detailed in note 15.

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Raising funds includes those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions.

Charitable activities costs include all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. This includes such items as external scrutiny, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory matters.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

e) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

f) Bank

Cash at bank includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	150,101	249,228	399,329
Government bodies	-	23,530	23,530
Public bodies	625	19,458	20,083
Charities and trusts	7,598	-	7,598
Individuals	-	1,544	1,544
	158,324	293,760	452,084

Prior year comparative (restated)	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
Donations from:	£	£	£
Corporate organisations	500	3,000	3,500
Government bodies	9,495	1,500	10,995
Public bodies	275	3,465	3,740
Charities and trusts	-	116,484	116,484
	10,270	124,449	134,719

3 Expenditure on: Raising funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Catering supplies	-	3,038	3,038	1,282
Football equipment	210	910	1,120	-
Game Signage	-	-	-	170
Training facilities	-	783	783	-
	210	4,731	4,941	1,452

In the prior year, all the income from raising funds was restricted.

4 Expenditure on: Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Grants payable	-	15,500	15,500
Wages and salaries	-	103,676	103,676
Other staff costs	-	5,992	5,992
Marketing	17,064	5,257	22,321
Legal and professional fees	3,680	36,809	40,489
Premises insurance	-	791	791
Event costs	-	4,532	4,532
Utilities costs	-	702	702
Postage and stationery	-	1,169	1,169
Bank charges	32	-	32
Bad debts written off	(5,636)	3,362	(2,274)
Sundry expenses	1,342	-	1,342
Governance costs	3,306	-	3,306
	19,788	177,790	197,578

Prior year comparative	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants payable	-	4,500	4,500
Wages and salaries	-	88,053	88,053
Other staff costs	-	19,961	19,961
Marketing	-	762	762
Legal and professional fees	2,185	9,137	11,322
Rent and rates	-	68	68
Event costs	-	237	237
Utilities costs	-	594	594
Postage and stationery	135	3,877	4,012
Sundry expenses	13,890	-	13,890
Governance costs	1,955	-	1,955
	18,165	127,189	145,354

The grants payable were all to institutions and are listed below;	2022 £	2021 £
Iron Acton Floral Group	-	500
Sustainable Thornbury	-	4,000
Alveston Community Fund	3,500	-
A Greener Festival Ltd	12,000	-
	15,500	4,500

5 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	91,924	73,500
Social Security costs	7,567	6,574
Pension costs	4,185	7,979
	103,676	88,053

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

The average number of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 3).

Key management personnel are considered to be the trustees and the Head of FGR Community. The total employee benefits received by key management personnel was £18,968 (2021: Nil)

Other than as disclosed in note 16, no remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was either paid or payable for the current or prior period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or previous period.

6 Net income/(expenditure)

	2022	2021
Net income is stated after charging:	£	£
Independent examiner's remuneration		
- current year fee	1,176	1,075
- accounts preparation	924	845

7 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from:			
Donations and legacies	10,270	124,449	134,719
Total income	10,270	124,449	134,719
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	1,452	1,452
Charitable activities	18,165	127,189	145,354
Total expenditure	18,165	128,641	146,806
Net income/(expenditure)	(7,895)	(4,192)	(12,087)
Transfer between funds	(663)	663	-
Total funds brought forward	(103,798)	8,817	(94,981)
Total funds carried forward	(112,356)	5,288	(107,068)

8 Investments

Green Britain Centre

The investment in Green Britain Centre Limited was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of Green Britain Centre Limited, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, Green Britain Centre Limited is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

For the year ended 30 April 2022 Green Britain Centre Limited recorded a loss for the financial year of £88,645 (2021: loss of £16,978).

At 30 April 2022 Green Britain Centre Limited held members' funds of £Nil (2021: £88,645).

FGR Community

The investment in FGR Community was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of FGR Community, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, FGR Community is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

FGR Community was dormant with no activity going through the company for the year ended 30 April 2022 (2021: £Nil).

At 30 April 2022 FGR Community held no members' funds (2021: £Nil).

9 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade debtors	25,484	30,744
Amounts due from trading subsidiary	-	85,868
VAT	-	3,265
	25,484	119,877

10 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	5,301	22,300
Accruals and deferred income	2,100	171,174
Other creditors	73,599	157,068
	81,000	350,542

11 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	4,463	281,860	(141,149)	-	145,174
Alveston Community Benefit	-	6,900	(3,500)	-	3,400
The Football Association	825	-	-	-	825
Ministry of Eco Education	-	5,000	(25,072)	20,072	-
Red Horse Foundation	-	-	(800)	800	-
A Greener Festival	-	-	(12,000)	12,000	-
	5,288	293,760	(182,521)	32,872	149,399
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(112,356)	246,969	(19,998)	(32,872)	81,743
	(107,068)	540,729	(202,519)	-	231,142

11 Movement in funds (Continued)

Restricted Fund Descriptions

FGR Community

Funds within the GBF which are restricted for FGR Community are restricted according to our funder stipulations, for the delivery of our programmatic work and for the core running costs of our activities.

Alveston Community Benefit

Funds within the GBF for our 'Community Benefit' donation programme are allocated strictly for the issue of grants to the Alveston Community. Grant applications are called for on an annual basis. All applications and projects are reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees, with funds issued annually, as deemed in-line with the GBF's charitable aims.

The Football Association

Funds received from the Football Association and are restricted to football related expenditure, such as matchday catering supplies.

Ministry of Eco Education

The Ministry of Eco Education was established in the Summer of 2021 with the aim of greening up the school curriculum. Initial activities have included mapping the environmental education landscape and compiling free resources from over 160 organisations to create over 50 series of lessons housed on a bespoke website, framed around broad enquiry questions. In addition and Education Lead supports each school with the implementation of these resources. The Green Britain Foundation is funding this programme to advance the education and learning of young people from primary (and soon Secondary) schools, to help them become Young Green Britons, able to have agency in changing the way we live for the better.

Red Horse Foundation

The Red Horse Foundation was the recipient of £800 from the Green Britain Foundation, through its wholly owned subsidiary FGR Community. Funds donated by the Community Trust's partner Candriam were donated to this Foundation to enable one young person affected by a family bereavement to continue to receive equine therapy, in-line with the Trust's Health and Wellbeing strand of work within the Community.

A Greener Festival

This organisation received £12,000 from the Green Britain Foundation to support the development of tools and help fund some of the costs of their team's time and expertise to help green up festivals and other outdoor events.

11 Movement in funds (Continued)

Prior year comparative

	At 1 May 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 30 April 2021 £
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	4,980	122,449	(122,966)	-	4,463
Alveston Community Benefit	3,837	-	(4,500)	663	-
The Football Association	-	2,000	(1,175)	-	825
	8,817	124,449	(128,641)	663	5,288
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(103,798)	10,270	(18,165)	(663)	(112,356)
	(94,981)	134,719	(146,806)	-	(107,068)

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 April 2022	Other Net assets £	Total Funds £
Restricted funds	149,399	149,399
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	81,743	81,743
	231,142	231,142

Prior year comparative

As at 30 April 2021	Other Net assets £	Total Funds £
Restricted funds	5,288	5,288
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	(112,356)	(112,356)
	(107,068)	(107,068)

13 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

14 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2022	2021
	£	£
Statement of Financial Activities: Net movement in funds	338,210	(12,087)
Increase in creditors: current liabilities	(269,542)	107,425
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	94,393	(70,079)
Net cash flow from operating activities	163,061	25,259

15 Going concern

Free reserves are positive, and expenditure was significantly less than income for 2022. Therefore, the trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties surrounding going concern.

After the closure of Green Britain Centre on 14 June 2018, the remaining funds of £88,645 held within the Green Britain Centre (company number 04069987) have since been transferred to Green Britain Foundation, hence the improved financial position in 2022.

At 30 April 2022 Green Britain Centre Limited held members' funds of £Nil (2021: £88,645).

The Trustees, in assessing going concern have considered that of £81,000 (2021: £350,542) total creditors owed by Green Britain Foundation, £57,069 (2021: £326,322) is owed to related parties.

16 Related party transactions

Helen Taylor, a trustee, is a director and majority share holder of One Blue Marble who invoices for the provision of services (2022: £11,651, 2021: 7,637). One Blue Marble manages the governance of The Green Britain Foundation and supports the operational running of the charity's wholly owned subsidiary - entitled FGR Community. This is permitted under the governing document (Articles of Association) for the Charity.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Company No. 08121843
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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

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GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity name	Green Britain Foundation
Registered charity number	1148783
Company number	08121843
Registered address	Lion House Rowcroft Stroud Gloucestershire GL5 3BY
Website	www.greenbritainfoundation.co.uk
Telephone Number	07803 124541
Contact	Helen Taylor (helen.taylor@ecotricity.co.uk)
Directors / Trustees	Dale Vince OBE Dahlia Nahome (appointed 23 July 2021) Helen Taylor Tom Cowling (resigned 18 March 2021)
Senior Management Team	Helen Taylor – General Manager (remunerated)
Independent Examiner	Joshua Kingston BSc, ACA Burton Sweet Limited The Clock Tower, 5 Farleigh Court , Old Weston Road, Flax Bourton, Bristol BS48 1UR
Solicitors	TLT LLP 1 Redcliffe Street Bristol BS1 6TP
Bankers	HSBC Bank PLC 3 Rivergate Temple Quay Bristol BS1 6ER

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2021, which also comprises of the Directors' Report required by the Companies Act 2006.

Reference and administrative information as set out on page 1 form part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015).

Structure, governance and management

The Green Britain Foundation is a company limited by guarantee, registered under the Companies Act, It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 12 August 2019 and is registered with the Charity Commission (registered number: 1148783). Date of incorporation was the 27 June 2012.

In the event of the company being wound up, the member is required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1. Ecotricity Group Limited is the sole member of the charity.

By operation of law, all trustees are directors under the Companies Act 2006 and all directors are trustees under Charities legislation and have responsibilities, as such, under both company and charity legislation. The trustees are all individuals.

The charity is a company and charity and follows the legislation pertaining to both.

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association, trustees are invited to join the board. The trustees who served in the reporting period were Dale Vince and Helen Taylor. Tom Cowling resigned in 18 March 2021 and Dahlia Nahome joined the Board of Trustees on the 23 July 2021, with no other changes during the year, or in the period between the year-end and the approval of the accounts.

The governing document allows for a minimum of two trustees and there are currently three.

In appointing the trustees, the charity follows the Charity Commission guidelines. We specifically:

- Identify the need
- Agree the skills and experiences we require and create a person and role specification
- Agree an open process of recruitment
- Ensure that we are opening the opportunity to a diverse range of candidates
- Interview against the criteria we have identified, in a fair and objective manner
- invite preferred candidates to join subject to references
- Obtain written confirmation that candidates are eligible in law to be trustees
- Ask candidates to declare conflicts of interest

- Formalise the appointment in line with our governing document
- The chair writes to candidates setting out their duties and responsibilities as trustees and directors
- A formal induction process is undertaken
- Trustees are formally welcomed to the board
- The decision is ratified at the next AGM

At the Annual General Meeting one third of the trustees retire by rotation but are eligible for reappointment. Miss Helen Taylor retires as a trustee at the next Annual General Meeting but is eligible for reappointment.

Organisation
The board of trustees, which shall include no less than two members, administers the charity. The trustee board comprises of three trustees.

The Charity comprises the wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, delivering outreach programmes aligned to the football club, Forest Green Rovers, in accordance with the Articles of Association. This FGR Community board comprises three directors, two independent directors and one representing Forest Green Rovers FC. The board meet four times a year, with an operations sub-committee covering operations, human resources, finance, governance and outreach updates. This sub-committee meets once every three months.

A Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of FGR Community. A General Manager is appointed by the trustees to run the day-to-day operations of the Green Britain Foundation as a whole.

Risk management
The trustees are aware that a key risk is the safeguarding of children and adults that are involved in the programmes delivered by the charity. A safeguarding culture has been instilled throughout the organisation from top to bottom, with stringent processes and training in place.

Staff and volunteers understand the importance of safeguarding and the appropriate action that is required to ensure FGR Community provides a safe environment for its service users. FGR Community has a Designated Safeguarding Officer, as well as a further support, in the form of a Safeguarding Forum managed by Forest Green Rovers Football Club – with a designated Safeguarding lead on the Board of Directors of FGR Community.

Objects and activities of the charity
The purpose of the charity is as set out in its governing document.

The charity's objects (objects) are for the benefit of the public generally, both in the United Kingdom and overseas:

a) To promote, for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment
b) To promote community participation in healthy recreation by providing facilities for the playing of association football and other sports capable of improving health

c) To provide, and assist in providing, facilities for sport recreation or other leisure time occupation of such persons who have need for such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, or social and economic circumstances, or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their conditions of life
d) To promote for the benefit of the public, the protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by providing facilities and activities in an environmentally friendly way and which demonstrates the benefits of the physical and natural environment
e) To advance the education of children and young people through such means as the trustees think fit, in accordance with the law of charity and in particular in relation to the protection of the physical and natural environment.

A full version of the objects is available on the Charity Commission website.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.
The Green Britain Foundation serves to encourage and empower people to live more sustainably and reduce their personal carbon footprint, while also using the power of football and other outreach activities to improve the lives of people through participation in sport and education.

The Foundation's objectives encompass:

- **Sport and Recreation** – Engaging people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation to increase people's participation in sport
- **Health and Wellbeing** – Promoting healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing
- **Inclusion and Community Cohesion** – Providing opportunities for people and communities that face common barriers
- **Education** – Educating, motivating and inspiring through the power of sport
- **Environment and sustainability** - Increasing awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action
- **Governance** – Ensuring the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively
- **Community Benefit** – Promoting ways that people can reduce their environmental impact and administer community grants within the vicinity of Ecotricity energy generation projects to support initiatives that achieve this.

The board of trustees continues to be satisfied that the activities of the Green Britain Foundation and its wholly owned subsidiary, FGR Community, satisfactorily meet the Charity Commission public benefit requirements.

Further information within the achievements and performance section of this report provides details of the work undertaken to meet these aims and objectives.

FGR Community provides a range of community-based activities to achieve as positive a health and wellbeing, environmental and inclusive impact as possible.

Thanks to the success of various funding bids and a deep connection with other community partners, FGR Community has served as a central part of the community over this reporting

period. During the Covid-19 pandemic which impacted everyone around the world from March 2020 and throughout this financial reporting year, ending April 2021, FGR Community became a life link to the elderly, lonely and young people struggling to manage in such difficult times, by providing regular contact, food parcels, signposting to support services and generally helping keep the young motivated, fit and well. It is without doubt that FGR Community came to the fore in meeting many societal needs and increased its connections within the immediate community during this period, and this work is continuing to evolve.

Key Developments and Achievements
The following information details the key activities delivered over the course of this financial year:

1. Sport and Recreation

Aim: To engage people of differing ages and abilities in sport and physical recreation Increase people's participation in sport.

The Covid-19 pandemic meant most direct contact and organised sports activities were put on hold throughout the year. FGR Community, did however, run regular online physical sessions to help young FGR Ambassadors to keep as motivated, fit and healthy as possible, such as the English Football League **Trust's Joy of Moving project** This was a series of fun exercises designed to enable children to enjoy being healthier, happier and achieve more, with an emphasis on connecting with children who have tended to have been switched off by sport, often through the pressure to compete and the lack of appeal of traditional sports. FGR Community were given funding of £1,500 to share these resources with all schools in Gloucestershire and run an online festival.

2. Community sport participation

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, FGR Community team had to adapt their planned community sport delivery to ensure they worked within current Government guidance. The traditional Soccer Camps became virtual.

With funding support from the Gloucestershire Community Foundation and the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire's award the team quickly adapted and developed a collaborative offer between Forest Green Rovers Football Club, FGR Community and the football club's Academy and was able to deliver **FGR Community and Academy led coaching sessions, quizzes, virtual tours and Player Q&A/interviews** connecting with the young people throughout the Gloucestershire area, using the power of sport.

By autumn half-term, the Trust was delivering **Holiday Food projects and Soccer Camps**: eighteen young participants took part in two mornings of football coaching and were given a meal. This was initially aimed at years 5 and 6 from neighbouring Nailsworth Primary, but ended up engaging six different schools in the area.

The Trust was delighted to be invited by Stroud Town Council and Stroud District Council, as soon as participants were allowed, to take part in a **facility and needs consultation for the district**. Consequently, FGR Community and Forest Green Rovers became a host

venue for Stroud district families to pick up (ingredients bags) for Easter holiday free school meals.

Thanks to Gloucestershire County Council and their Thriving Communities project, FGR Community hosted a **Live Cook-a-long on Instagram,** with 125 ingredients bags delivered to KLB and Rednock School - and Nailsworth Youth Club. Match Holidays and Active Food (HAF) programme funding was secured for Easter holidays soccer camps and lunches.

The Trust's Lead took part in the **See My Voice Conference** – a British Blind Sport conference. Sarah was a guest speaker and contributed to their film showcasing Young Leaders in support of inclusivity and opportunities for all.

3. Giving back to the community through sport

During the period of the pandemic, the Trust's relationship with Forest Green Rovers Football Club and other wider food support communities grew, leading to the Trust participating in a number of projects, including:

- **Distributing over 150 meals** throughout the local community who were in need, through a dynamic community food project involving the setting up of and the running of a local Arkell Community Food Project, including introducing the 'Freezer of Love', a local food supply initiative borne out of an undeniable need during the pandemic, by The Long Table, a local Community Interest Group helping tackle food poverty and health.

- **Engaging a vast number of local organisations,** including supermarket, Morrisons who donated a pallet of goods bi-weekly enabling the Trust and Arkell Centre to deliver Food Drop offs to participants in the Tackling Loneliness Together project (see below). FGR Community managed the pick-up, delivery of goods to the centre, the stocktaking and liaised with other partner organisations to progress this project, involving local schools, community gardens, Nailsworth Climate Action Network, Ruskin Mill, offering specialist independent education to children and adults with complex needs, including learning difficulties, autistic spectrum conditions and disabilities, and the local Luncheon Club. As a result of the Trust's support of this food programme, one local lady went on to become a volunteer for this programme- having met the Trust through its Tackling Loneliness Together project.

- Leading up to the summer of 2020 and with footballer Marcus Rashford's well publicised campaign for school dinners to continue through the summer holidays, the Head of FGR Community held conversations with the Head at Nailsworth Primary School about the local need. There had been some practical difficulties with families accessing Government vouchers and this scheme not covering all vulnerable families. Hence, in collaboration with several local organisations including the town and district councils, Nailsworth Youth Club and Community Roots, **FGR Community began supporting a local Lawn-side Pop Up, providing sandwiches made by The Long Table and providing socially distanced activities**, shared twice a week throughout the holidays.

  To complement and extend this offer **Forest Green Rovers FC's chef produced over 170 cooked Vegan meals a week and FGR Community and Forest Green Rover's Academy Scholars delivered these to 18 local families.** This was made possible with the support of a small grant from Tesco Bags of Help COVID-19 Communities Fund and

Club and Community Trust partner Candriam as well as many Forest Green Rovers club partners, including: The Green Devil Kitchen, Oatly, Quorn, Sunflower Family and Bute Island Food Ltd.

- The Trust continued to run their programme aimed at **integrating Forest Green Rovers FC's players with the community**, to give something back, in terms of support and role model experiences. Funded by the PFA (Professional Footballer's Association) FGR's Academy players (16 – 18-year-old Scholars) and the club's first team conducted over 98 online player visits and later in-person appearances.

  Highlights include the **Scholars delivering presents to local charity Kids Stuff** and Homestart over the Christmas period: footballs, letters and cards, donated toiletry samples and Green Devil Magazines were delivered to **HomeStart** for their local hampers; pin badges, masks and Faith in Nature toiletries, letters and cards and Green Devil Magazines were delivered to **Nailsworth Youth Club** for their hampers. Food products were donated by Forest Green Rovers' partner Quorn, to **the Long Table** to produce meals for the Freezers of Love. The Trust supplied old Club shirts and shorts, letters and cards and Green Devil Magazines to **Play Gloucestershire**, putting play packs together for families in crisis and in need of emergency accommodation.

4. Health and Wellbeing

Aim: to promote healthy behaviours, encouraging people to take responsibility for their own physical health and mental wellbeing.

Amidst the Covid 19 pandemic, FGR Community continued to run **online challenges for the community,** such as a Quorn Ready Steady Cook Challenge with the first team players to inspire healthy eating.

FGR Community's Lead sat on the **Active Ageing group** with Active Gloucestershire and the Mental Health Group with VCS Alliance, to share best practice and keep updated with local community needs

Key social media messaging, and government guidance, was shared to help FGR fans stay safe, feel included and keep healthy, with people being signposted to District and County Council hubs for more support during lockdown.

Work continued with the Club Community Organisation network and **Network Rail to promote the "You vs Train" campaign,** communicating the importance of keeping off rail tracks, which was an especially pertinent reminder as young people came out of lockdown and were mingling again.

As a direct response to the pandemic the Trust continued, from the previous year, to work with the **Mental Health Network**, facilitated by VCS (Voluntary and Community Sector), and the **Active Ageing Network**, facilitated by Active Gloucestershire, enabling all to work collaboratively and in a coordinated way across the county.

5. Inclusion and Community Cohesion

Aim: to provide opportunities for people and communities that face common barriers.

The Trust found itself in a pivotal situation of being able to address real need in the community, including:

- Delivering the **Tackling Loneliness Together project** which became hugely impactful throughout the pandemic. This programme, aimed at connecting with older people at risk of loneliness, was funded by the English Football Trust who distributed this funding from the Department of Digital Culture Media and Sport (DCMS). This programme became so important funding was extended to April 2021.

  The Trust's small team undertook weekly garden gate visits around the Forest Green area, made regular phone calls to individual, provided breakfast snacks, with targeted food drop offs (donated by Forest Green Rovers FC) to care homes. The Trust engaged the Nailsworth Cubs and invited them to write letters to the lonely, which were very well received.

  FGR Community reached over 500 individuals through their social media, phone calls, emails, letters, cards, treat drop offs, pop up stalls, garden gate visits. 533 elderly and lonely residents in the community were positively impacted: 36.96% female and 63.04% male.

  Further progress was made throughout the year to secure funds for providing weekly dance sessions for **People with Parkinson's and MS** and the development of '**Talk Club'**, an opportunity for elderly men to meet bi-weekly online and open up and share their experiences. A Talk Club Facebook page and soft launch took place in December. Attendance was limited because of the ongoing fears of Covid - the intention is to promote this further when the Trust has more resource to manage this programme and other wider projects designed for vulnerable

- During the year, work commenced in terms of delivering the EFL Trust's **Tackling County Lines project** – a mapping exercise for Gloucestershire was undertaken and meetings have been held between the Trust and the mapping team. FGR Community took part in a stakeholder rating session to enable targeted communication, share information and generate conversations with the team, leading to training and website resources being made available.

- The **Trust collaborated with a wide range of other community support groups to meet peoples' needs**. Consequently, the Trust's relationships with Mind, Age UK, the Marah Trust, Food Bank and the Long Table have strengthened and the pivotal role FGR Community is able to play within the community has been recognised and continues to be strongly supported by Nailsworth Town Council and Stroud District Council, opening opportunities for further local funding.

- In support of the community, FGR Community has provided space for **blood donor operations** to be ran from Forest Green Rovers, bringing a small amount of income back into the Community Trust.

The above programmes helped the Board of Trustees recognise the longer lasting need for supporting the young, elderly, vulnerable and isolated and the fact this can and should be one of the most important contributions it makes to the community. It is acknowledged that there are real concerns relating to rising mental health issues, increased drinking and loneliness across the country. FGR Community is committed to doing all it can to help combat these issues where possible.

6. Education and Employability

Aim: to educate, motivate and inspire through the power of sport

Amidst the Covid crisis, FGR Community worked as best as possible to continue the delivery of **the Premier League funded Primary Stars Programme**, designed to provide in-school learning, to inspire children to learn, be active and develop important life skills. The aim is to work with children's teachers to deliver fun, educational sessions across a range of curriculum subjects within local partner schools.

The Trust's focus is on inspiring girls and boys aged 5 – 11 in the classroom, the playground and on the sports field. Teaching materials cover subjects such as PE, PSHE, English and Maths, and focus on areas including teamwork and problem solving. Students normally have the opportunity to participate in competitions ranging from national football tournaments, to creative writing and reading interventions for reluctant readers. Children also engage in education activations and social action projects.

This programme had to go on hold as soon as the Covid-19 lockdown commenced (March 2020). In response, the FGR Community created online educational materials and set up regular Premier League Primary Stars Friday Challenges, as well as keeping contact with the Trust's young Ambassadors, sharing regular fun and education updates, including exercise ideas led by the Club's mascot (the Green Devil) and the delivery of online soccer camps in the early summer holidays.

As time developed, FGR Community began working with Beech Green, Sapperton, Bisley, Avening and Leonard Stanley and Nailsworth primary schools to support the school's wellbeing, internet safety and help with their educational attainment along with a CPF session for teachers on differentiation and STEP delivered online.

The Trust also created a primary schools year 6 transition resource pack for pupils moving up to secondary school as many were unable to attend transition visits and young fans were kept involved weekly through The Friday challenges set by the Premier League Primary Stars Programme. Families could also take part in activities and events put on by the National Literacy Trust and home schooling was made a little easier as the Premier League Primary Stars resources were circulated to over 50 Ambassador and Primary Stars Primary Schools in Gloucestershire.

FGR Community is unique in running a **FGR Ambassadors and Ambassador Alumni programme**. The Trust's Primary and Secondary school Ambassador Programme stabilised to engaging with 72 ambassadors and 50 schools in this reporting period, which is slightly lower than the previous year, most likely due to the pandemic and other priorities being

placed on schools with 91 Ambassadors (69 primary and 22 secondary students) in 2019-20. As well as promoting FGR's activities, Ambassadors engage their schools and communities, promoting the club's environmental ethos and sustainability messages.

Ambassadors continued to receive a weekly newsletter, with updates, ideas, resources and support for schooling, health and wellbeing during the lockdown. This allowed the Trust to stay in contact, listen to and be engaged with the young Ambassadors and their families. The purpose of corresponding regularly with the Ambassadors was to also support their families. As well as news and stories, online safeguarding resources were shared and information on mental health and parenting.

Each ambassador was set monthly challenges to keep them engaged on issues relating to the community and FGR Community's strong sustainability agenda. Some excellent examples of community minded activities were created, including many letters and cards supporting The Long Table project.

7. Environment and Sustainability

Aim: to increase awareness of sustainable practice by means of education and action.

This reporting year largely focussed on providing online community and education support, however, progress began in terms of reviewing how FGR Community could play a role longer-term in imparting knowledge and developing environmentally focussed resources, with the potential for delivering this in schools as and when things settled in relation to covid. In tandem, the Green Britain Foundation began to work up a plan for creating an Eco Education programme for primary schools.

The lead for FGR Community has continued to engage and liaise with academic organisations such as the University of West of London (UWL), Cardiff Business School, Berkeley Green UTC and the University of West of London who are keen to engage with the environmental sustainability activities and practices employed by FGR Community and Forest Green Rovers FC. FGR Community will continue to lead on these discussions.

8. Governance

Aim: to ensure the operations of the Foundation/Trust are run efficiently and effectively,

Throughout the year, comprehensive reviews of the operations and financial performance of the Green Britain Foundation, including the FGR Community Trust, have been overseen by the designated Trustee responsible for Governance, to include quarterly Operations and Finance Review Meetings and Board Meetings. All meetings are minuted and available for review.

Careful evaluation and review of all necessary procedures and policies have been undertaken. Several have been adapted in-line with new processes needed in response to the Covid-19 pandemic including the Trust's safeguarding and risk management policies.

FGR Community future plans

The Trust's future plans include:

- expanding the Premier League Primary Stars Programme, to work with existing and new schools across the district and potentially expand into Gloucester and the Cotswolds and extend delivery to include a suite of PSHE sessions to support children's emotional development, health and wellbeing and including after school programmes of support. We intend to adapt delivery to a ten-week model to improve our delivery and greater quality assurance for teachers and pupils.
- continuing to support those experiencing isolation, loneliness, mental health issues and financial difficulty through additional resource and securing funds to ensure we develop support mechanisms around socialisation, relationships, belonging and effective communication.
- developing and expanding the Ambassador and Alumni programmes who will engage with the Trust to influence change and help make a positive contribution to improving the lives of people and communities in which they represent.
- further developing in partnership our food related activities, cooking and growing sessions to help tackle food poverty locally and also educate on issues of sustainability and environmental impact, such as a vegan diet and local and seasonal produce.
- redesigning the Fit2Last programme delivered onsite at Forest Green Rovers for whole school groups to visit and learn about environmental and sustainability practices to empower young people to tackle the climate crisis.
- explore the potential to grow the women and girl's game and potentially join the Barclay Girl's Football School's Partnership and complete a scoping exercise for disability football and walking football to promote inclusive participation and equality of access to sport and recreation.
- helping develop a way of sharing environmental learning with other Community Trusts across the EFL League, to expand the whole of the EFL Trust's knowledge and ability to tackle and bring solutions to their communities around climate change.
- recruiting more resource to deliver the above, to increase our reach and impact.
- Securing more funds to deliver all programmes, including greater engagement with businesses who may partner with and support the Trust.

9. Community Benefit Funding

Aim: to promote ways people can reduce their environmental impact and administer community grants within the vicinity of Ecotricity energy generation projects to support initiatives that achieve this.

During the year, the trustees have approved grants to be issued to the community of Alveston, South Bristol, linked to an installation of wind turbines within their area, and with all projects scrutinised and accepted as being in compliant with our Green Britain Foundation 'objects'.

The following grants were issued:

1. **Sustainable Thornbury** - £4,000 to fund a house retrofit project and engage households between Alveston and Frampton Cottrell, with the aim of: developing a 'baseline' and identifying immediate actions to reduce energy consumption; helping people in fuel poverty and engaging conversations with householders about the actions they can take to reduce carbon emissions, providing an assessment of the specifics and scale of the retrofit activities needed in the area to enable the community to develop a plan for retrofits, leading to cost reductions, and ideally developing some online tools to engage community members on energy with a view to them taking the initiative themselves to resolve them.

2. **Iron Acton Floral Group -** £500 as continued support, enabling the Group to buy flower bulbs to be planted in The Parish Meadows, the end of Nibley Lane and other areas within the local vicinity of Iron Acton Iron to improve the enjoyment of the Frome Valley Walkway and Avon Cycling route and enhance people's general well-being and contact with nature.

In all cases grant applications are completed by the community representatives, which are then reviewed by the trustees – and evaluated against the charitable activities and the impact they will have to public benefit.

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit in managing the decisions and activities of the charity.

The trustees are satisfied that these documents meet the needs of the charity, now and into the future.

Financial review

The charity's financial position at the end of the year ended 30th April 2021

The financial position of the charity at 30th April 2021 and comparatives for the prior period, as more fully detailed in the accounts, can be summarised as follows:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Net income/ (expenditure)	(8,558)	(3,529)	(12,087)	(74,746)	8,817	(65,929)
Funds Brought Forward	(103,798)	8,817	(94,981)	(29,052)	-	(29,052)
Funds Carried Forward	**(112,356)**	**5,288**	**(107,068)**	**(103,798)**	**8,817**	**(94,981)**

Financial review of the position at the reporting date, 30th April 2021

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity to be sound, as at 30th April 2021 on the basis of the above figures, noting that there has been a balance sheet reconciliation made in this year to compensate for an over stated trade debtors intercompany balance in 2020. This has resulted in small deficit position for the year end, which the trustees acknowledge and also recognise as good practice to ensure the accounts are accurate going forward.

Policies on reserves

In the trustees' view, the reserves should provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the near future.

During the year, Green Britain Foundation has made profits of £4,926. However, following balance sheet reconciliations at the year end, this profit fell to £12,087 loss. The most notable reconciliation is an adjustment for the prior year duplication of a £20,387 intercompany debtor balance with Green Britain Centre Limited within trade debtors. The free reserves at the year end are a deficit of £112,356.

The trustees propose to maintain the charity's reserves at a level which is at least equivalent to three months operational expenditure and have done so having regards to its manner of operation of likely funding streams.

The trustees review the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations on a quarterly basis at their trustee board meetings.

Trustees are content that reserves are at a satisfactory level given the size, scope and risks to the charity at the current time. The trustees consider the charity to be a going concern and have no uncertainties other than managed risks about this.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Green Britain Foundation for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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 charitable company and of the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

The financial statements have been prepared implementing the Statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting and Reporting by Charities (FRS102) and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102.

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

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10th February 2022.

Signed on behalf of the Board

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Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Green Britain Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30 April 2021.

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.

Joshua Kingston BSc. ACA
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Date: 10th February 2022.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	10,270	124,449	134,719	106,059
Total income		10,270	124,449	134,719	106,059
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	-	1,452	1,452	4,570
Charitable activities	4	18,165	127,189	145,354	105,748
Additional VAT	5	-	-	-	61,670
Total expenditure		18,165	128,641	146,806	171,988
Net expenditure	7	(7,895)	(4,192)	(12,087)	(65,929)
Transfer between funds		(663)	663	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,558)	(3,529)	(12,087)	(65,929)
Total funds brought forward	12	(103,798)	8,817	(94,981)	(29,052)
Total funds carried forward	12	(112,356)	5,288	(107,068)	(94,981)

All movements in the prior year was represented by unrestricted funds.

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above

All of the activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements
See note 8 for comparative statement of financial activities figures.

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 30 APRIL 2021

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Debtors	10	119,877	49,798
Cash at bank		123,597	98,338
		243,474	148,136
Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year	11	(350,542)	(243,117)
Net Current Assets		(107,068)	(94,981)
Net assets		(107,068)	(94,981)
Funds			
Restricted funds	13	5,288	8,817
Unrestricted funds	13	(112,356)	(103,798)
		(107,068)	(94,981)

For the year ended 30 April 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors responsibilities

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476,

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act 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.

These financial statements were approved by the trustees on 10th February 2022 and are signed on their behalf by:

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Dale Vince OBE
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements

GREEN BRITAIN FOUNDATION

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Company number: 08121843

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Net cash flow from operating activities	15	25,259	70,298
Net cash flow for the year		25,259	70,298
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		98,338	28,040
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		123,597	98,338

Charity law prohibits the use of net cash inflows on any endowed or other restricted fund to offset net cash outflows on any fund outside its own objects, except on special authority.

In practice, this restriction has not had any effect on cash flows for the year.

The notes on pages 19 to 26 form part of these financial statements

1 Accounting policies

a) Accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The Charity is a public benefit entity as defined under FRS102.

The financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis. The trustees consider this an appropriate basis upon which to prepare the statements as detailed in note 16.

b) Income

Income is accounted for on a receivable basis. Income from donations is included in income when these are receivable, except as follows:

i) When donors specify that donations given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred until those periods;

ii) When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred until the pre-conditions have been met.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Expenditure includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Raising funds includes those costs incurred in seeking voluntary contributions.

Charitable activities costs include all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is conveyed to the recipient.

Governance costs include the costs of governance arrangements which relate to the general running of the charitable company as opposed to the direct management functions inherent in generating funds. This includes such items as external scrutiny, legal advice for trustees and costs associated with constitutional and statutory matters.

d) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

e) Bank

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

f) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

g) Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Donations

	Unresticted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations from:			
Corporate organisations	500	3,000	3,500
Public bodies	9,770	4,965	14,735
Charities and trusts	-	116,484	116,484
	10,270	124,449	134,719

Prior year comparative	Unresticted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations from:			
Corporate organisations	6,761	7,020	13,781
Public bodies	2,308	1,830	4,138
Charities and trusts	2,875	85,265	88,140
	11,944	94,115	106,059

3 Raising funds

	Unresticted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Catering purchases	-	1,282	1,282	-
Game Signage	-	170	170	-
EFL Costs	-	-	-	4,570
	-	1,452	1,452	4,570

In the prior year, all the EFL costs were restricted

4 Charitable activities

	Unresticted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Grants payable	-	4,500	4,500
Wages and salaries	-	88,053	88,053
Other staff costs	-	19,961	19,961
Marketing	-	762	762
Legal and professional fees	2,185	9,137	11,322
Rent and rates	-	68	68
Event costs	-	237	237
Utilities costs	-	594	594
Postage and stationery	135	3,877	4,012
Sundry expenses	13,890	-	13,890
Governance costs	1,955	-	1,955
	18,165	127,189	145,354

Prior year comparative	Unresticted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£
Grants payable	-	3,063	3,063
Wages and salaries	-	63,590	63,590
Other staff costs	-	2,994	2,994
Marketing	1,275	4,202	5,477
Legal and professional fees	7,045	2,964	10,009
Rent and rates	10,023	270	10,293
Event costs	-	859	859
Postage and stationery	3	337	340
General expenses	898	-	898
Repairs and maintenance	2,699	2,449	5,148
Bad debts written off	(860)	-	(860)
Governance costs	3,937	-	3,937
	25,020	80,728	105,748

The grants payable were all to institutions and are listed below;

	2021	2020
	£	£
Grants Payable		
Alveston Community Fund	-	413
JR Wright	-	500
Alveston Jubilee Hall	-	2,150
Iron Acton Floral Group	500	-
Sustainable Thornbury	4,000	-
	4,500	3,063

5 Additional VAT

During the prior year it was identified that input VAT had been incorrectly claimed on charitable activities in previous years. These related solely to the discontinued activities of the charity. An adjustment had been made to correct this error which has been treated as an extraordinary item within the prior year.

6 Staff costs and numbers

The aggregate staff costs were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	73,500	58,757
Social Security costs	6,574	2,289
Pension costs	7,979	2,544
	88,053	63,590

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 in the current or prior year.

The average number of employees during the year was 3 (2020: 2).

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the charitable company was either paid or payable for the current or prior period to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with any of them.

No expenses were paid to trustees during the current or previous period.

Aggregate donations from Trustees, key management personnel, and other related parties was £Nil (2020: £Nil).

7 Net income/(expenditure)

Net income is stated after charging:	2021 £	2020 £
Independent examiners remuneration - current year fee	1,920	1,160

8 Comparative Statement of Financial Activities

	Discontinued Operations	Continuing Operations		
	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
	£	£	£	£
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	-	11,944	94,115	106,059
Total income	-	11,944	94,115	106,059
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	4,570	4,570
Charitable activities	13,702	11,318	80,728	105,748
Additional VAT	61,670	-	-	61,670
Total expenditure	75,372	11,318	85,298	171,988
Net income/(expenditure)	(75,372)	626	8,817	(65,929)
Transfer to combine same funds	75,372	(75,372)	-	-
Total funds brought forward	-	(29,052)	-	(29,052)
Total funds carried forward	-	(103,798)	8,817	(94,981)

9 Investments

Green Britain Centre

The investment in Green Britain Centre Limited was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of Green Britain Centre Limited, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, Green Britain Centre Limited is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

For the year ended 30 April 2021 Green Britain Centre Limited recorded a loss for the financial year of £16,978 (2020 - loss of £51,195).

At 30 April 2021 Green Britain Centre Limited held members' funds of £88,645 (2020: £105,623).

FGR Community

The investment in FGR Community was acquired at nil cost.

Green Britain Foundation is the sole member of FGR Community, a company limited by guarantee. By virtue of being the sole member, FGR Community is the wholly owned subsidiary of Green Britain Foundation.

FGR Community was dormant with no activity going through the company for the year ended 30 April 2021 (2020: £Nil).

At 30 April 2021 FGR Community held no members' funds (2020: £Nil).

10 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade debtors	30,744	19,448
Amounts due from trading subsidiary	85,868	11,600
VAT	3,265	-
Other debtors	-	18,750
	119,877	49,798

11 Creditors : Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,300	26,073
Accruals and deferred income	171,174	64,750
VAT	-	50,794
Other creditors	157,068	101,500
	350,542	243,117

12 Movement in funds

	At 1 May 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	At 30 April 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
FGR Community	4,980	122,449	(122,966)	-	4,463
Alveston Community Benefit	3,837	-	(4,500)	663	-
The Football Association	-	2,000	(1,175)	-	825
	8,817	124,449	(128,641)	663	5,288
Unrestricted funds					
General funds	(103,798)	10,270	(18,165)	(663)	(112,356)
	(94,981)	134,719	(146,806)	-	(107,068)

Restricted Fund Descriptions

FGR Community	Funds within the GBF which are restricted for FGR Community are restricted according to our funder stipulations, for the delivery of our programmatic work and for the core running costs of our activities.
Alveston Community Benefit	Funds within the GBF for our 'Community Benefit' donation programme are allocated strictly for the issue of grants to the Alveston Community. Grant applications are called for on an annual basis. All applications and projects are reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees, with funds issued annually, as deemed in-line with the GBF's charitable aims.
The Football Association	Funds received from the Football Association and are restricted to football related expenditure, such as matchday catering supplies.

12 Movement in funds (Continued)

Prior year comparative

	At 1 May 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 April 2020 £
Restricted funds				
FGR Community	-	87,215	(82,235)	4,980
Alveston Community Benefit	-	6,900	(3,063)	3,837
	-	94,115	(85,298)	8,817
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	(29,052)	11,944	(86,690)	(103,798)
	(29,052)	106,059	(171,988)	(94,981)

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

As at 30 April 2021	Other Net assets £	Total Funds £
Restricted funds	5,288	5,288
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	(112,356)	(112,356)
	(107,068)	(107,068)

Prior year comparative

As at 30 April 2020	Other Net assets £	Total Funds £
Restricted funds	8,817	8,817
Unrestricted funds		
General funds	(103,798)	(103,798)
	(94,981)	(94,981)

14 Company Limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and, as such, has no issued share capital. In the event of the company being wound up the liability of the members is limited to £1 each.

15 Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Statement of Financial Activities: Net movement in funds	(12,087)	(65,929)
Increase in creditors: current liabilities	107,425	124,831
(Increase) / decrease in debtors	(70,079)	11,396
Net cash flow from operating activities	25,259	70,298

16 Going concern

Although free reserves are negative at the year-end, the trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties surrounding going concern. After the closure of the Green Britain Centre on 14 June 2018, the remaining funds held within the Green Britain Centre (company number 04069987) upon completion of the final affairs are due to the charity after year-end.

At 30 April 2021 Green Britain Centre Limited held members' funds of £88,645 (2020: £105,623).

The Trustees, in assessing going concern have considered that of £350,542 total creditors owed by Green Britain Foundation, £326,322 is owed to related parties.