KINGSWOOD TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1149688

Details

Other names	KINGSWOOD NURSERY AND INFANT CENTRE TRUST, KINGSWOOD NIC TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	08150065
Registered	2012-11-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 4.1.1. TO PROMOTE THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF ALL CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY, THROUGH HIGH QUALITY OUTDOOR LEARNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCES. IN PARTICULAR, TO PROVIDE TAILORED LEARNING OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM OPPORTUNITIES, INCLUDING DAY AND RESIDENTIAL VISITS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION. 4.1.2. TO ENCOURAGE CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF BOTH THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENTS. TO INCREASE THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, ENCOURAGING PARTICIPATION, RESPECT AND ENJOYMENT. THE IMPACT OF THIS WILL PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR ALL.4.1.3. TO PROMOTE EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABILITY, WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATING IN DEVELOPMENTS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE ABOUT LIVING TODAY WITH TOMORROW IN MIND.FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ARTICLE 4.1.3, ?SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT? MEANS DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS).4.1.4 TO ASSIST IN THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY/FINANCIAL HARDSHIP IN WOLVERHAMPTON AND THE LOCAL AREA BY PROVIDING OUTDOOR EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WHICH ARE APPROPRIATE AND MEET THE NEEDS OF INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS.4.1.5. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CHILDREN. YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE COMMUNITY IN OUTDOOR AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, IRRESPECTIVE OF DISABILITY, HERITAGE, SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, SOCIAL GROUP, GENDER, PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL NEEDS, RACE OR CULTURE.

Activities: Kingswood offers outdoor and environmental learning opportunities for children, young people, families, educators and the local community. The 9 acre site offers residential facilities, day visits and activities to support learning, personal development, health and wellbeing. Kingswood has an enviable local reputation as a Centre of Excellence for its outdoor and environmental provision.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dudley
- Sandwell
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Telford & Wrekin
- Wolverhampton

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£464,077	£453,344	-	-
2024-03-31	£388,067	£417,871	-	-
2023-03-31	£431,973	£429,039	-	-
2022-03-31	£416,231	£408,002	-	-
2021-03-31	£253,437	£253,373	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MAJOR DAVID HARRIS BEd HonsTD	Chair	2012-09-10
Caroline Jennifer Short		2022-01-01
GARY GENTLE		2018-06-27
PHILIP PAGE		2018-06-27
RUSSELL THOMPSON		2018-06-27
SUSAN LACEY BED NPQH		2012-09-10
SUSAN SHANKS BSc Hons		2012-09-10

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08150065 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

for

Kingswood Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Kingswood Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Kingswood Trust (Registered number: 08150065)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Purposes and Aims

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability of circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. Our funded project activities prioritises the most disadvantaged people in our community supporting not only children but volunteers of all ages and older people. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning outdoors, connecting people with nature, and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have continued to focus on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness and isolation and those who face financial hardship. In addition, this year we have prioritised carbon reduction by improving our own carbon literacy and have made a number of changes to reduce our own impact on the environment, whilst building this into the educational opportunities for all our beneficiaries and stakeholders.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our activities for older people, especially those with dementia and adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

Our Objects - How our activities deliver public benefits

The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit through our objects and our activities reflect local need. We adapt these opportunities and experiences to support the needs of people within our local community and work hard to enable everyone to access these and benefit accordingly.

Our charitable objects are as follows:

Advancement of Education - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helps to combat obesity. We engage with parents and family members and the wider community to place learning at the centre of what we do. We provide community skills days and learning opportunities f or volunteers.

Conservation of the Environment - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection, and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.
We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people, and the community in relation to wildlife and nature. We aim to improve understanding and awareness of issues around climate change, now and in the future.

Sustainable Development - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities - creating and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste.

Prevention or Relief of Poverty - we provide free, fully accessible activities and subsidised charges for service users in need. We actively seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people. Our outdoor opportunities aim to help improve the life chances for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Through access to our environment, activities, and resources we can make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups.

Promotion of Social Inclusion - we deliver a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self-esteem, and offer opportunities for social interaction. We promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship e.g. those who are members of marginalised or minority groups. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially and poor areas of Wolverhampton and The West Midlands, Staffordshire and the local community, to develop the capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. We actively include volunteers with all abilities and run projects for those with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and poor mental health.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims.

In April 2024 the Trust began its financial year in a positive position, having worked hard to deliver its aims through funded projects during the previous year. We have been very grateful for the ongoing financial support of repeat funders alongside new Trusts and Foundations recognising our work. This year we have been able to continue activities with our existing school and community partners as well as welcoming new beneficiaries and groups to our core projects and opportunities. As well as developing links with Trusts and Foundations, and other Grant Givers, we continue to generate our own income from schools and groups through charges for day visits, forest school programmes and residential stays. In addition, we generate income from our own inhouse fundraising activities, sales through our refreshment snack stop and souvenir gift shop, selling plants and our very own unique Kingswood Rose, and having a preowned book stand. We generate regular income from weekend and holiday lettings of our site and buildings.

April 2024 marked Kingswood Trusts' 10th anniversary as an independent charity. 'Kingswood' began as 'Wolverhampton Children's Holiday Camp'. It started in 1923 with the idea that 'poor' children could benefit from a holiday there. The original buildings were World War I Nissan huts with stretchers for beds and a pavilion was built in the 1930's. This became the hall that is still in use today. During World War II, brick-built dormitories (still in use) were erected, and Air raid shelters were built for emergency use. After World War II, the holiday camp was purchased by the Local Education Authority to house an Open-Air School for "delicate" children. Many suffered from breathing problems, were under nourished with poor development and their families were in social need. The open-air school had a significant impact for many years due to outdoor lessons and the medical and educational support at the school. The children made huge progress out of the city in this countryside environment. In 1958 it was decided to build new accommodation on land next door. From 1973, the site was used as an environmental centre to enable children and the wider community opportunities for residential and day visits, forest school activities and to learn about nature The site was transferred in 2014 on a 125-year lease to the Kingswood Trust, a registered charity. We celebrated the year with a calendar of community events and a family and friends 10th birthday party and open day.

In June 2024 we received a 3-year grant from The National Lottery Community fund. In year 1 this has supported some exciting capital developments to our community hall. This has included the installation of double glazing, a new boiler and heating system, new flooring and decoration and solar panels to the hall roof. This has greatly improved the comfort and quality of this widely used building, whilst helping to reduce energy by employing sustainable features. The funds have supported our work with people of all ages and is also enabling Kingswood Trust to significantly develop its project work with volunteers. In August 2024 we employed a volunteer coordinator, increasing the number of volunteers that we can work with and focussing on more support for volunteers with special educational needs and disabilities. Our volunteering programmes are now fully embedded into Kingswood Trusts work, and we are very grateful to our regular volunteers and volunteer team partners who continue to have a huge impact on our developing natural environments, site and project activities.

The skill set of the Trust board has continued to provide good governance of the charity - offering appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in aspects such as finance, education, the environment, the community, and strategy. Regular monitoring of financial accounts and centre policies ensures due diligence and protection of the charity and the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Timely committee and subcommittee meetings and Trustees actively participating in some of the day-to-day volunteering opportunities, projects and events has ensured that the Charity manager and staff receive appropriate challenge and support. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track.

We have a stable, experienced and committed staff team of 9. Staff Professional Development and learning for all continues to be a priority. The Trust uses an online training platform, available to all staff and volunteers. This year, staff have completed training in Health and Safety, Fire Prevention/Fire Warden Training, Equality and Diversity Training, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding and Food Safety. First Aid training (face to face) has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.

We set high standards, and our trustees, staff and volunteers work very hard to maintain these. The quality of our service and safety and safeguarding compliances were re-assessed in Autumn 2024 and we received a new 2-year Quality Badge in September 24. The Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management. The Food Standards Agency inspected our food and hygiene practices on 19/9/24 and we received top marks and have been awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating again.

During this year we have continued to record data and monitor projects carefully, recording outcomes, taking photographs, completing questionnaires, and recording quotes from participants. In July 2024 we started working again with an evaluation consultant and receive training and 1to1 support. We have produced new case studies and project information leaflets along with physical displays of our activities to share with others. This is an effective way of communicating what we do, who can participate and what the impact has been for existing and potential partners. We share this with funders and distribute at the network and community events we are involved in. We have sought new opportunities this year to speak to local groups, both through formal presentations and informal stands in our community about our work and what we can offer and to find out what people need and would like to do. We are a South Staffordshire Council nominated "Key Community Group", supporting and disseminating information to other voluntary sector groups within our locality.

Our 9-acres of natural environments provide the outdoor spaces for wildlife and people to thrive, and this is central to the success of all our projects. We are grateful to our regular volunteers and volunteer groups for another year of hard work, looking after and developing these environments - boundless enthusiasm, commitment and energy continue to drive a whole host of grounds work activities: grass cutting, clearing back overgrown bramble, digging, stacking deadwood, building brash fences, and maintaining the new accessible garden and growing areas. Ongoing maintenance has been completed to bee nesters and bat and bird boxes. Our "Mindfulness Garden" has grown with the support of our volunteers throughout this period - this aims to provide an accessible calm space that offers a sensory experience and a place for reflection. Volunteers support indoor and outdoor activities, painting and repairing the building, supporting with applications for funding, publicity and marketing. We have flourishing gardens and raised beds and an orchard that bring flowers, fruit and vegetables to our community and provide a wealth of habitats and food for nature. Volunteers are an integral part of our planning and delivery of community events and weekly Saturday opening to the public. In addition, our volunteers spend a lot of time talking to our visitors and beneficiaries and help the Trust to capture feedback in a variety of formats and to shape our service. Many support our project delivery directly also.

To support the delivery of our aims, we engage with local partners who have helped us in a variety of ways, for example fundraising for us or providing small grants or donations eg Rotary and Round Table, U3A, local church and choir groups and individuals within our local community. We have ongoing support from local companies/businesses that provide a range of free of charge services, resources, materials and volunteer time e.g. Heartwood Tree Care, Severn Trent, Collins Builders, Lloyds Bank, TELUS Communications, One Savings Bank, Paycare, South Staffordshire Council. Hindley's Construction, Brindley Asphalt Ltd, Collins Aerospace and Johnsons Farm,

In terms of reputation, the Kingswood Trust starts from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we continue to have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. Our service users have also commented regarding the range of improvements and developments that have taken place so far in 2024-2025.

Funders and Fundraising

Over the last 12 months, the Trust has continued to work hard to raise funds to support the delivery of projects, develop our site and grounds and update resources for the delivery of our charitable aims and for those who need support most. We have continued to build our relationship with existing funders and forge links with new ones. This has enabled us to continue with some existing projects and to provide new opportunities for a broader range of beneficiaries based on the needs of our community. Thank you to the following funders:

Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Beatrice Laing Trust
Verina Black Charitable Trust
Ray Williams Charitable Trust
A L A Green Charitable Trust
Brian Shaw Memorial Trust
29th May 1961 Charity
Archer Trust
OVO Foundation
FDR Trust
Iron Bridge Trust
Wallace Bell Charitable Trust
Sackler Trust
Millichope Foundation
William Dean Trust
Pedmore Sporting Club Trust Fund
Richardson Brothers Charitable Trust

De Brye Charitable Trust
James Beattie Charitable Trust
HDH Wills (Martin Wills)
Patrick Trust
William A Cadbury Trust
P B Dumbell Charitable Trust
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust
Seccombe Trust
Gowling WLG
Oldhurst Trust
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust
Joseph Hopkins and Henry James Sayer
Percy Lea Charitable Trust
Richard Cadbury Charitable Trust
Hedley Foundation
Goodenough Charitable Trust

Souter Charitable Trust
DMF Ellis Charitable Foundation
Lord Austin Trust
Evelyn May Trust
Emma Doris Bussey
Ashworth Charitable Trust
Baron Davenports Charity
Leigh Trust
CB and HH Taylor Charitable Trust
Goodman Foundation
Culra Charitable Trust
Grimmitt Trust
WRA Charitable Trust
Grantham Yorke Trust
Schroder Charitable Trust
Oliver Ford Foundation
Kenneth and Barbara Boardman-Weston Charitable Trust
Noel Sweeney Charitable Trust
Aylesford Family Charitable Trust
William Howarth Charitable Trust
RS Brownless Charitable Trust
Lillie Johnson Trust
Bilston Rotary Club
James Frederick and Ethel Anne Measures Charity
Tettenhall Rotary Club
Arnold Clark Chartable Foundation
Twinkle Trust
Hearth Foundation
Anthony and Elizabeth Mellows Charitable Trust
Garfield Weston Foundation
WED Trust
Four Winds Trust
Ratcliff Foundation

Core Activities and Project Delivery

The five activities below are a summary of our core business and outputs.

1. **Residential stays** - children stay away from home for one or two nights, often for the very first time. They share a bedroom with their peers, enjoy family-style mealtimes, make their own beds, and take responsibility for themselves. Throughout their stay, the children engage in a variety of curriculum-based and team and wellbeing activities around the environmental site. They go on walks to local villages, farms and common land and experience learn ing and life in a rural environment.
- In 2024/25 we delivered 49 residential opportunities, supporting 1920 children.

2. **Day visits** - these involve carefully planned learning opportunities in our world outside the classroom. Themed and bespoke days encourage a focus on learning and personal development and include wellbeing days, team days, story-themed days and environmental, history and Forest School activities.
- In 2024/25 we delivered 75 Day Visits supporting 2280 children

3. **Forest School Programmes** - Children from aged two, visit one day per week for six weeks or more for a child-centred woodland programme, aimed at developing confidence, independence, and self-esteem. Activities include woodland investigation, sensory activities and observing wildlife. They use tools and work creatively with natural mat erials.
- In 2024/25 we delivered 14x 5-6 week programmes supporting 168 children

4. **Calendar of community events and activities** - 2024/25 included Quiz nights, a Treasure Hunt, Family Olympics, Big Garden Bird Watch, Bird Ringing and Fungi walks, Room on the Broom, Pumpkin Parade, Easter Eggstravaganza. Santa Sleigh and Breakfast with Santa, Holiday Clubs, a Music Festival and Family Camping. We are open for 'Saturday Forest Fun' and 'Nature Connections' and each week we run stay and play 'Owlets' and 'Winter Warmers' for older pe ople.
- Our 2024/25 Eventbrite numbers plus walk ins show that 4893 people attended our community events and activities

5. **Volunteering4All** - Our current regular volunteers attend up to 3 sessions per week, undertaking grounds and site maintenance, environmental project development eg gardening and conservation, site maintenance and animal care and support with our community events and weekly Saturday Forest Fun. We also have some volunteers who support our children and family projects and Nature Connections for older people. As well as promoting and publicising our activities and helping with the delivery and evaluation of projects, we also provide both g roup and corporate volunteering.
Group partners included: Shropshire Wild Teams (Mental Health Adult Group), Afro Caribbean Community Initiative (Gentlemen with poor mental health), The Wolverhampton Reparation Service and Highflyers (Adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

- In 2024/25, Our volunteers completed more than 8041 hours of volunteering, worth a monetary value of £112,574 (@£14ph)
- 195 volunteers have been supported over the last 12 months. This includes 41 regular volunteers and 21 other groups
- We supported 8 College/School work experience students
- The Kingswood Trust was open for volunteering for 48 weeks

The following provide an outline of 5 key projects which we sought funding to deliver in 2024/25

Free Residential Places - This new project aims at supporting the children from families who were excluded from engaging in a school residential stay due to financial hardship. Children qualified if families were receiving pupil premium and found themselves in disadvantaged circumstances and were referred by their schools. The schools are situated in areas of social and economic deprivation in towns and cities that have been identified as amongst some of the poorest in and around Wolverhampton and the West Midlands. The one-night residential stay, includes all food, bedding and accommodation and activities. Children have accessed a range of opportunities outdoors in the natural environment and have been able to develop their confidence, social skills and independence away from school and home. This will be the first time sleeping away from home for many and an opportunity for all to make lasting memories. This project has been particularly welcomed, as many families report finding it hard to make ends meet. We received support from a major funder OVO Founda tion who supported 280 children during this period with a free residential place.

- In 2024/25 835 children benefited from a free, one-night residential stay at the Kingswood Trust

Learn and Grow Project - This project began in January 2025. It helps address barriers to participation for those with a disability and mental health challenge, providing a positive and healthy working environment, where all people are valued, focusing on their strengths and abilities. People aged 16+, working in a small team of up to 12 are supported by an experienced Volunteer Co-ordinator. They undertake a range of activities including gardening, planting and harvesting vegetables, maintaining the woodland, orchard, pond areas and habitats for wildlife, carrying out wildlife surveys, maintaining outdoor furniture and resources and managing the resident pets (which include ducks, chickens, rabbits, sheep, tortoises and guinea pigs). 'Learn and Grow' is very much user-led, with beneficiaries encouraged to make decisions about what needs to be done and the activities they undertake. Beneficiaries gain important new work-related skills, enhanced confidence and self-esteem, experience of contributing to a team and new leadership skills. The project provides a valuable stepping stone moving forward, with some taking up other volunteering opportunities and for others helping the m move closer to the world of work.

- In 2024/25 we have worked with 5 partner organisations

- 110 beneficiaries have taken part in the short volunteering programmes so far this year

Days in the Woods Project-The project specifically targets the most deprived and disadvantaged children aged 3-11, including children with special educational needs and disabilities; for example, those with autism, sensory impairments, medical conditions, and children with mental health challenges. They explore and work creatively with a range of natural materials and make a base camp and shelters for their activities. They build and cook on a campfire, learn about camp craft, climb trees, build dens and have fun. Transport and lunch was included. Through these activities we have been able to provide activities for many children who live in areas of social and econo mic deprivation and who rarely travel away from their immediate home environment.

- In 2024/25 we delivered 22 Days in the Woods, supporting 660 children.

Nature Connections Project-The project focuses on supporting older people (and their carers/family members), many of whom have been diagnosed with dementia and other progressive neurological disorders, conditions that profoundly change the practicalities of their everyday lives. We have also identified a need to support other disadvantaged adult groups e.g. those with SEND's, poor mental health, brain injury and older members from ethnic minority backgrounds who may not engage with other services (these groups are not captured in any of our other projects and experience exclusion, loneliness and isolation).'Nature Connections' activities include woodland walks, pond dipping, bird watching, sensory activities, meet the pets and nature-based craft and creative activities. In addition, beneficiaries will visit our WW2 air raid shelters-used to stimulate memories and communication (refreshments included). This project has been a lifeline for those older people on their own b ut also for career who have little respite.

- We have been able to work with 16 partner organisations.

- In 2024/25 we delivered 35 Nature Connections opportunities, supporting 625 older or isolated people.

Access2Nature Project-These are day visits for families in some of the most deprived parts of Wolverhampton and the West Midlands and South Staffordshire, some with multiple disadvantages. Beneficiary children might include those with SENDs, families facing trauma and those with poor mental health. Many of whom have no gardens or green spaces to play in and enjoy. Family engagement activities include woodland trails, animal encounters, practical nature crafts, games, campfires, and other nature-based activities. The provision of transport and a hot meal has been very well received by families this year with many struggling to provide for their children and themselves. Access was highlighted as a barrier for many families with all saying that they would not be able to afford an entry fee to activities. Most parents said that they had no car, many with no garden and lacked the funds and confidence to attempt public transport. Many parents said that they had really enjoyed being outdoors with their children, away from the internet and devices and the press ures of family life at home.

- In 2024/25 we delivered 39 Access2Nature Days supporting 546 families- 1560 beneficiaries

TOTAL Beneficiaries during the financial period 2024-2025 is 12,411 people

This year's financial position

We have been pleased to report a small surplus this year. The team has worked hard to maintain a high-quality offer and support the people that need it most with a backdrop of ever-increasing costs. During this reporting period, our energy costs have remained high, along with further increases in costs for food supplies and laundry, transport bills and consumables. We have a plan to continue with improving the fabric and add further sustainability features over the next 5 years that will reduce energy usage and immediate and future costs. We revisit all our service level agreements annually to see if we can reduce or maintain our operation costs and seek alternatives to provide best value. We are continually reviewing our suppliers' costs and request discounts or buy from those who offer charity rates. We run a 'Just Giving' page and encourage eligible individuals to donate this way. We also encourage people to donate as they shop through the 'easyfundraising app' This year we have been able to give all staff a small salary increase, the first in several years. This has been particularly important for our team who have also been impacted as the cost-of-living increases.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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This has been the eleventh period of account representing the year to March 2025. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a surplus of £10,733 (2024 deficit of £29,804).

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.

Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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08150065 (England and Wales)

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24-10-25 and signed on its behalf by:

D Harris - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingswood Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can 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.

G. T. Hopwood

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Date: 28 OCT 2025

Kingswood Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**39,789**	**-**	**39,789**	32,004
Charitable activities					
Grants		**50,279**	**190,891**	**241,170**	157,325
Other trading activities	2	**182,181**	**-**	**182,181**	198,140
Investment income	3	**937**	**-**	**937**	598
Total		**273,186**	**190,891**	**464,077**	388,067
EXPENDITURE ON					
Operating costs		**239,511**	**191,162**	**430,673**	388,084
Other		**3,160**	**-**	**3,160**	3,059
Total		**242,671**	**191,162**	**433,833**	391,143
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE DEPRECIATION		**30,515**	**(271)**	**30,244**	(3,076)
Depreciation expense		**(7,155)**	**(12,356)**	**(19,511)**	(26,728)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**23,360**	**(12,627)**	**10,733**	(29,804)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**(223)**	**76,086**	**75,863**	105,667
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**23,137**	**63,459**	**86,596**	75,863

The notes form part of these financial statements

Kingswood Trust (Registered number: 08150065)

Balance Sheet
31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2025 Total funds £**	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	**44,054**	**101,343**	**145,397**	79,680
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	**5,934**	**13,823**	**19,757**	22,495
Cash at bank and in hand		**29,432**	**65,825**	**95,257**	73,855
		35,366	**79,648**	**115,014**	96,350
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(56,283)**	**(117,532)**	**(173,815)**	(100,167)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**(20,917)**	**(37,884)**	**(58,801)**	(3,817)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**23,137**	**63,459**	**86,596**	75,863
NET ASSETS		**23,137**	**63,459**	**86,596**	75,863
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				**23,137**	(223)
Restricted funds				**63,459**	76,086
TOTAL FUNDS				**86,596**	75,863

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2025

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24/10/25 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Harris - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included within these accounts.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverable, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Resources expended
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

Taxation
As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxartion on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.charity

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2025 £	2024 £
Charged activity services	182,181	198,140
	182,181	198,140

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025 **£**	2024 £
Interest receivable - trading	**937**	598

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation	**11,888**	26,728
Independent Examiner's fee	**2,100**	2,040

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One Trustees received £4,047 (2024 - £3,549) remuneration during the period for the provision of professional services.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2025 (or 31 March 2024).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
Teaching staff	1	1
Administration and support	8	7
	9	8

The number of employees whose employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) exceeded £60,000 was:

	2025	2024
£60,001 - £70,000	1	-

One employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2025.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 28.6% and 18.9% of salary with staff also making contributions to the scheme. 8 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2024: 7).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	32,004	-	32,004
Charitable activities			
Grants	4,250	153,075	157,325
Other trading activities	198,140	-	198,140
Investment income	598	-	598
Total	234,992	153,075	388,067
EXPENDITURE ON			
Operating costs	265,408	149,404	414,812
Other	3,059	-	3,059
Total	268,467	149,404	417,871
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(33,475)	3,671	(29,804)
Transfers between funds	31,227	(31,227)	-
Net movement in funds	(2,248)	(27,556)	(29,804)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	2,025	103,642	105,667

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	(223)	76,086	75,863

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2024	**279,993**
Additions	**85,228**
At 31 March 2025	**365,221**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2024	**200,313**
Charge for year	**19,511**
At 31 March 2025	**219,824**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2025	**145,397**
At 31 March 2024	79,680

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	**4,611**	5,343
Other debtors	**7,423**	12,084
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,323**	2,068
Accrued income	**6,400**	3,000
	19,757	22,495

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	49,700	58,264
Deferred income	124,115	41,903
	173,815	100,167

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(223)	(5,940)	(6,163)
Designated fund	-	29,300	29,300
	(223)	23,360	23,137
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	76,086	(12,627)	63,459
TOTAL FUNDS	75,863	10,733	86,596

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	233,230	(239,170)	(5,940)
Designated fund	39,956	(10,656)	29,300
	273,186	(249,826)	23,360
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	190,891	(203,518)	(12,627)
TOTAL FUNDS	464,077	(453,344)	10,733

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(21,590)	(16,761)	38,128	(223)
Designated fund	23,615	(16,714)	(6,901)	-
	2,025	(33,475)	31,227	(223)
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	103,642	3,671	(31,227)	76,086
TOTAL FUNDS	105,667	(29,804)	-	75,863

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	234,992	(251,753)	(16,761)
Designated fund	-	(16,714)	(16,714)
	234,992	(268,467)	(33,475)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	153,075	(149,404)	3,671
TOTAL FUNDS	388,067	(417,871)	(29,804)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.25 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(21,590)	(22,701)	38,128	(6,163)
Designated fund	23,615	12,586	(6,901)	29,300
	2,025	(10,115)	31,227	23,137
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	103,642	(8,956)	(31,227)	63,459
TOTAL FUNDS	105,667	(19,071)	-	86,596

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	468,222	(490,923)	(22,701)
Designated fund	39,956	(27,370)	12,586
	508,178	(518,293)	(10,115)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	343,966	(352,922)	(8,956)
TOTAL FUNDS	852,144	(871,215)	(19,071)

General funds are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

The trustees have reviewed the treatment of the various income streams of the charity. Free resident places which had previously been treated as restricted income are now treated as designated income. These were redesignated from 1 April 2024.

Included in restricted deferred income in 2024 were grants totalling £32,178. During 2025 these have been reclassed as designated income.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year for other fixed asset additions.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

A relative of a member of the senior management team provided services to the charity at a cost of £6.600 (2024 - £5,746) for the year. This expenditure was for the benefit of the charity and was authorised by the Trustees.

KINGSWOOD TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1149688

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08150065 (England and Wales)
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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

for

Kingswood Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Purposes and Aims

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability of circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. Our project work prioritises the most disadvantaged people in our community supporting not only children but volunteers of all ages and older people. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning outdoors, connecting with nature, and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have continued to focus on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness and isolation and those who face financial hardship.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our new activities for older people, especially those with dementia and adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

Our Objects - How our activities deliver public benefits

The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit through our objects and our activities reflect local need. We adapt these opportunities and experiences to support the needs of people within our local community and work hard to enable everyone to access these and benefit accordingly.

Our charitable objects are as follows:

Advancement of Education - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helping to combat obesity. We engage with parents and family members and the wider community to place learning at the centre of what we do. We provide community skills days and learning opportunities for volunteers.

Conservation of the Environment - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection, and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.
We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people, and the community in relation to wildlife and nature. We aim to improve understanding and awareness of issues around climate change, now and in the future.

Sustainable Development - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities - creating and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste.

Prevention or Relief of Poverty - we provide free, fully accessible activities and subsidised charges for service users in need. We actively seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people. Our outdoor opportunities aim to help improve the life chances for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Through access to our environment, activities, and resources we can make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups young and old.

Promotion of Social Inclusion - we deliver a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self-esteem, and offer opportunities for social interaction. We promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship including those who are members of marginalised or minority groups. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially and poor areas of Wolverhampton and The West Midlands, Staffordshire and the local community, to develop the capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. We actively include volunteers with all abilities and run projects for those with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and poor mental health.

This year's financial position

This year we have worked hard to maintain a high-quality offer with a backdrop of ever-increasing costs. During this reporting period, our energy costs more than doubled, food supplies and laundry costs, transport bills and consumables increased by 35%. Our salary bills also rose significantly. At the midpoint in the year, the charity manager and trustees undertook a full review, looked at areas to procure more effectively and made some minor savings. They then and completed a staffing and operations review. Following consultation, it was determined to restructure and to make a costly post which no longer met the needs of the organisation redundant. In December 2023, we removed a teaching post to reduce costs and enable greater flexibility of staffing hours across the whole year and maximise holiday periods for delivering project activities. This has been a successful development, but redundancy costs in this year paid out in December 23, along with increasing costs has led to a small operating deficit at the end of March 2024.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims.

In April 2023 the Trust began its financial year in a positive position, having maximised delivery of funded projects during the previous year. We have been very grateful for the ongoing financial support from repeat funders alongside new Trusts and Foundations recognising our work. This year we have been able to continue activities with our existing school and community partners as well as welcome new beneficiaries and groups to our core projects and opportunities. During this year we reviewed staff roles and responsibilities alongside the developments in our project work and school activities. Changes have been implemented to ensure that Kingswood Trust is fit for purpose moving forwards, both in terms of its mission and financial health. Our volunteering programmes are now fully embedded into Kingswood Trusts work, and we are very grateful to our regular volunteers and volunteer team partners who continue to have a huge impact on our developing natural environments, site and project activities.

The Summer Term commenced with another busy programme of activities. For schools, there was an eagerness to get back on track with residential stays and day visits. For those children's families who were unable to meet the costs of a visit, we provided a voucher scheme and offers throughout the year that supported those in need. School/group leaders and parents felt that this had been a lifeline and had improved access to enable everyone to participate. In the coming 12 months we will begin a new "Free Residential Places" project to support the most disadvantaged and to bring new groups to Kingswood Trust who would not normally be able to afford to join in. This year we have also developed our work with families, providing a fully funded family experience day, "Access2Nature" Project for families in need.

We hold the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge- this is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management. The quality of our service and safety and safeguarding compliances were re-assessed with a new inspection due in September 2024. We are also very proud to hold the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.

The skill set of the 7 strong Trust Board has continued to provide good governance of the charity - offering appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in aspects such as finance, education, the environment, the community, and strategy. Regular monitoring of financial accounts and centre policies ensures due diligence and protection of the charity and the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Timely committee and subcommittee meetings and Trustees actively participating in some of the day-to-day volunteering opportunities, projects and events has ensured that the Charity manager and staff receive appropriate challenge and support. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track.

The historical background to Kingswood Trust is very relevant to our ongoing work and has been highlighted even more during this reporting period. Kingswood has been an important asset within its local community for 100 years and on 7th July 2023 we celebrated our centenary with friends, stakeholders and The Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire Mr. Ian Dudson. Celebrations included tree planting, burial of a time capsule (to be dug up in 50 years), a performance of the newly created Kingswood poem by children and Emma Pursehouse (Poet Laureate) and viewing of our new historical displays.

Kingswood began as 'Wolverhampton Children's Holiday Camp'. It started with the idea that 'poor' children could benefit from a holiday there. The original buildings were World War I Nissan huts with stretchers for beds and a pavilion was built in the 1930's. This became the hall that is still in use today. During World War II, brick-built dormitories (still in use) were erected, and Air raid shelters were built for emergency use. After World War II, the holiday camp was purchased by the Local Education Authority to house an Open-Air School for "delicate" children. Many suffered from breathing problems, were under nourished with poor development and their families were in social need. The open-air school had a significant impact for many years due to outdoor lessons and the medical and educational support at the school. The children made huge progress out of the city in this countryside environment. In 1958 it was decided to build new accommodation on land next door. Since 1973, the site has been used as an environmental centre to enable children and the wider community opportunities for residential and day visits, forest school activities and to learn about nature, with the site being transferred in 2014 on a 125-year lease to the Kingswood Trust, a registered charity.

Since 2014 we have developed both our charitable activities and site. Initially, on becoming a charity, we further developed our links with our local community as well as funders, alongside continuing to run residential stays, day visits and Forest School programmes for schools, generating income from fees. We identified that some children and families were not able to participate due to financial and other constraints. Consequently, we began to develop distinct projects to address some of these barriers. In 2023, this continues to be a priority, that we are successfully addressing during the ongoing cost of living crisis and with so many families reporting poor mental health and wellbeing.

Our staff team of 7 has been extremely well supported by an ever-growing band of volunteers. During this year we had over 28 regular volunteers supporting between 1 and 3 sessions per week. We were pleased to support 6 students with their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and for a second year provide 12-month placements for 2 environmental science students from Harper Adams University. We provided 3 school work-experience placements and 4 college volunteer days. We were able to provide regular volunteering opportunities for other partners including Shropshire Wild Teams (Mental Health Adult Group), Afro Caribbean Community Initiative (Gentlemen with poor mental health), The Wolverhampton Reparation Service and Highflyers (Adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities). Our new "Roots Project" provided a 6-week volunteering programme for 18 refugees/asylum seekers living in hotels in Staffordshire.

This year we have also seen an increased number of groups approaching the charity to support us through days of giving and companies through their Corporate Social Responsibility policies. For example: Collins Aerospace, Jaguar Land Rover, Robaston College, Sandwell College, TELUS Communications, One Savings Bank, Paycare, South Staffordshire Council, Hindley's Construction and Brindley Asphalt Ltd. The demand for volunteering alongside the benefits to people and Kingswood Trust has demonstrated a need for employing a volunteer coordinator, which we will be fundraising for in 2024/5.

Our volunteers with their enthusiasm, energy, and commitment continue to maintain environments and complete a whole host of grounds work activities: grass cutting, clearing back overgrown bramble, digging, stacking deadwood, building brash fences, and maintaining the new accessible garden, growing areas. Our new ponds were fully operational by the beginning of April 2023. New hedges have been planted and a mature hedge layed. Ongoing maintenance has been completed to bee nesters and bat and bird boxes. Our new "Mindfulness Garden" has been ongoing with the support of our volunteers throughout this period - this aims to provide an accessible calm space that offers a sensory experience and a place for reflection.

Volunteers support indoor and outdoor activities, painting and repairing the building, supporting with applications for funding, publicity and marketing. They are an integral part of our planning and delivery of community events and weekly Saturday opening to the public. In addition, our volunteers spend a lot of time talking to our visitors and beneficiaries and help the Trust to capture feedback in a variety of formats and to shape our service. Many support our project delivery directly also.

During this year we have continued to record data and monitor projects carefully, recording outcomes, taking photographs, completing questionnaires, and recording quotes from participants. This has helped us to produce several case studies and project information leaflets along with physical displays of our activities to share with others. This is an effective way of communicating what we do, who can participate and what the impact has been to existing and potential partners, funders and to take to network and community events. We have sought new opportunities this year to speak to local groups, both through formal presentations and informal stands in our community about our work and what we can offer and to find out what people need and would like to do.

Staff Professional Development and Learning for all continues to be a priority. The trust uses an online training company, available to all staff and volunteers. This year, staff have completed training in Health and Safety, Fire Prevention/Fire Warden Training, Equality and Diversity Training, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding and Food Safety. First Aid training (face to face) has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.
We benefit from several people with expert knowledge already supporting Kingswood Trust in terms of the environment and nature. In addition, many of our volunteers support their peers. We engage with local bee, bat and bird experts and this year we ran another successful bioblitz with teachers from Staffordshire University, local wildlife and woodland trusts, solitary bee experts and a wildflower enthusiast from Staffordshire Naturalists Group. Bird Ringing has continued this year, with one of our students gaining her Bird Ringing Licence and moving onto employment.

In terms of reputation, the Trust starts from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we continue to have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. Our service users have also commented regarding the range of improvements and developments that have taken place this year. This year we have collated evidence of need around our charitable activities and will be putting forward an application to The National Lottery Community Fund to aim to secure revenue funds towards project delivery and capital funds to refurbish the Community Hall

Core Activities and Project Delivery

The five activities below are a summary of our core business and outputs.

1. **Residential stays**-children stay away from home for one or two nights, often for the very first time. They share a bedroom with their peers, enjoy family-style mealtimes, make their own beds, and take responsibility for themselves. Throughout their stay, the children engage in a variety of curriculum-based and team and wellbeing activities around the environmental site. They go on walks to local villages, farms and common land and experience learning and life in a rural environment.

- **In 2023/24 we delivered 44 residential opportunities, supporting 1760 children.**

2. **Day visits**-these involve carefully planned learning opportunities in our world outside the classroom. Themed and bespoke days encourage a focus on learning and personal development and include wellbeing days, team days, story-themed days and environmental, history and Forest School activities.

- **In 2023/24 we delivered 78 Day Visits supporting 2520 children**

3. **Forest School Programmes**-Children from aged two, visit one day per week for six weeks or more for a child-centred woodland programme, aimed at developing confidence, independence, and self-esteem. Activities include woodland investigation, sensory activities and observing wildlife. They use tools and work creatively with natural materials.

- **In 2023/24 we delivered 9 programmes supporting 108 children**

4. **Calendar of community events and activities**- 2023/24 included quiz nights, games nights, a Superheroes Day, Green Fair, Dawn Chorus, Holiday Clubs a Music Festival and Family Camping. Three members of staff at Wates Construction walked Hadrian's Wall and raised funds through their sponsored walk. We are open for Saturday Forest Fun, each week and have run early years sessions, stay and play owlets, winter warmers for older people.

- **Our 2023/24 Eventbrite numbers show that 1895 people booked online + 180 on arrival. Total = 2075 attendees**

5. **Volunteering**- Our current 28 regular volunteers attend up to 3 sessions per week, undertaking grounds and site maintenance, environmental project development eg new ponds, habitats and mindfulness garden, support with our community events and weekly Saturday Forest Fun as well as promoting and publicising our activities and helping with the delivery and evaluation of projects. We also provide both group and corporate volunteering.

- **In 2023/24, Our regular (28) volunteers completed more than 5834 hours of weekly volunteering**
- **In addition, (114) other volunteers attended as a team or helped as an individual for a range of events and activities totalled 3553 hours.**
- **Total Volunteers = 142 Total hours committed = 9387**

The following provide an outline of 3 key projects which we sought funding to deliver in 2023/24

Days in the Woods Project-The project specifically targets the most deprived and disadvantaged children aged 3-11, including children with special educational needs and disabilities; for example, those with autism, sensory impairments, medical conditions, and children with mental health challenges. They explore and work creatively with a range of natural materials and make a base camp and shelters for their activities. They build and cook on a campfire, learn about camp craft, climb trees, build dens and have fun. Transport is included. Through these activities we have been able to provide activities for many children who live in areas of social and economic deprivation and who rarely travel away from their immediate home environment.

- **In 2023/24 we delivered 26 Days in the Woods, supporting 780 children.**

Nature Connections Project-The project focuses on supporting older people (and their carers/family members), many of whom have been diagnosed with dementia and other progressive neurological disorders, conditions that profoundly change the practicalities of their everyday lives. We have also identified a need to support other disadvantaged adult groups e.g. those with SEND's, poor mental health, brain injury and older members from ethnic minority backgrounds who may not engage with other services (these groups are not captured in any of our other projects and experience exclusion, loneliness and isolation).'Nature Connections' activities include woodland walks, pond dipping, bird watching, sensory activities, meet the pets and nature-based craft and creative activities. In addition, beneficiaries will visit our WW2 air raid shelters-used to stimulate memories and communication (refreshments included). This project has been a lifeline for those older people on their own but also for career who have little respite.

- **We have been able to work with 10 partner organisations.**
- **In 2023/24 we delivered 26 Nature Connections opportunities, supporting 624 older or isolated people.**

Access2Nature Project-These are day visits for families in some of the most deprived parts of Wolverhampton and the West Midlands and South Staffordshire, some with multiple disadvantages. Beneficiary children might include those with SENDs, families facing trauma and those with poor mental health. Many of whom have no gardens or green spaces to play in and enjoy. Family engagement activities include woodland trails, animal encounters, practical nature crafts, games, campfires, and other nature-based activities. The provision of transport and a hot meal has been very well received by families this year with many struggling to provide for their children and themselves. Access was highlighted as a barrier for many families with all saying that they would not be able to afford an entry fee to activities. Most parents said that they had no car, many with no garden and lacked the funds and confidence to attempt public transport. Many parents said that they had really enjoyed being outdoors with their children, away from the internet and devices and the pressures of family life at home.

- **In 2023/24 we delivered 18 Access2Nature Days supporting 882 Beneficiaries**
- **We were also able to offer 8 bespoke Ukraine Family Days for Families in or locality supporting 285 people**

Total Core Activity Beneficiaries = 6605 people
Total Project Funded Beneficiaries = 2572 people

During this reporting period we have been able to support a total of 9177 people and our volunteers have contributed 9387 hours with a value of £112,644 (based on £12 per hour)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been the tenth period of account representing the year to March 2024. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a deficit of £29,804 (2023 surplus of £2,934).

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.
Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 5 to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08150065 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149688

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 Dec 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

D Harris - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingswood Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can 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.

G. T. Hopwood

Geoffrey Hopwood
The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Date: 18. 12. 2024

Kingswood Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2024 Total funds £**	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**32,004**	**-**	**32,004**	30,487
Charitable activities					
Grants		**4,250**	**153,075**	**157,325**	211,070
Other trading activities	2	**198,140**	**-**	**198,140**	190,259
Investment income	3	**598**	**-**	**598**	157
Total		**234,992**	**153,075**	**388,067**	431,973
EXPENDITURE ON					
Operating costs		**247,506**	**140,578**	**388,084**	400,332
Other		**3,059**	**-**	**3,059**	2,961
Total		**250,565**	**140,578**	**391,143**	403,293
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE DEPRECIATION		**(15,573)**	**12,497**	**(3,076)**	28,608
Depreciation expense		**(17,902)**	**(8,826)**	**(26,728)**	(25,746)
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(33,475)**	**3,671**	**(29,804)**	2,934
Transfers between funds	11	**31,227**	**(31,227)**	**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**(2,248)**	**(27,556)**	**(29,804)**	2,934
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**2,025**	**103,642**	**105,667**	102,733
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**(223)**	**76,086**	**75,863**	105,667

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2024 Total funds £**	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	**42,213**	**37,467**	**79,680**	83,875
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	**15,697**	**6,798**	**22,495**	13,221
Cash at bank and in hand		**132**	**73,724**	**73,856**	90,944
		15,829	**80,522**	**96,351**	104,165
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(58,265)**	**(41,903)**	**(100,168)**	(82,373)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		**(42,436)**	**38,619**	**(3,817)**	21,792
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**(223)**	**76,086**	**75,863**	105,667
NET ASSETS		**(223)**	**76,086**	**75,863**	105,667
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				**(223)**	2,025
Restricted funds				**76,086**	103,642
TOTAL FUNDS				**75,863**	105,667

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 Dec 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

D Harris - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included within these accounts.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverable, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Resources expended
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

Taxation
As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxartion on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.charity

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charged activity services	**198,140**	190,259
	198,140	190,259

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	**598**	157

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation	**26,729**	25,746
Independent Examiner's fee	**800**	750

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received remuneration during the period.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2024 (or 31 March 2023).

No other Trustee or Related Party to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2023:nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Teaching staff	1	2
Administration and support	7	7
	8	9

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2024.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 13% and 15% of salary with staff making equal contributions to the scheme. 7 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2023: 7).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	30,487	-	30,487
Charitable activities			
Grants	20,066	191,004	211,070
Other trading activities	190,259	-	190,259
Investment income	157	-	157
Total	240,969	191,004	431,973
EXPENDITURE ON			
Operating costs	250,484	175,594	426,078
Other	2,961	-	2,961
Total	253,445	175,594	429,039
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(12,476)	15,410	2,934
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	14,501	88,232	102,733
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,025	103,642	105,667

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2023	**257,459**
Additions	**22,534**
At 31 March 2024	**279,993**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2023	**173,584**
Charge for year	**26,729**
At 31 March 2024	**200,313**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2024	**79,680**
At 31 March 2023	83,875

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	**5,343**	12,213
Other debtors	**12,084**	-
Prepayments and accrued income	**2,068**	1,008
Accrued income	**3,000**	-
	22,495	13,221

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	**58,265**	50,927
Deferred income	**41,903**	31,446
	100,168	82,373

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	**(21,590)**	**(16,761)**	**38,128**	**(223)**
Designated fund	**23,615**	**(16,714)**	**(6,901)**	**-**
	2,025	**(33,475)**	**31,227**	**(223)**
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	**103,642**	**3,671**	**(31,227)**	**76,086**
TOTAL FUNDS	**105,667**	**(29,804)**	**-**	**75,863**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**234,992**	**(251,753)**	**(16,761)**
Designated fund	**-**	**(16,714)**	**(16,714)**
	234,992	**(268,467)**	**(33,475)**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**153,075**	**(149,404)**	**3,671**
TOTAL FUNDS	**388,067**	**(417,871)**	**(29,804)**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(26,125)	4,535	(21,590)
Designated fund	40,626	(17,011)	23,615
	14,501	(12,476)	2,025
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	88,232	15,410	103,642
TOTAL FUNDS	102,733	2,934	105,667

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	240,969	(236,434)	4,535
Designated fund	-	(17,011)	(17,011)
	240,969	(253,445)	(12,476)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	191,004	(175,594)	15,410
TOTAL FUNDS	431,973	(429,039)	2,934

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfers between funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	(26,125)	(12,226)	38,128	(223)
Designated fund	40,626	(33,725)	(6,901)	-
	14,501	(45,951)	31,227	(223)
Restricted funds				
Restricted fund	88,232	19,081	(31,227)	76,086
TOTAL FUNDS	102,733	(26,870)	-	75,863

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	475,961	(488,187)	(12,226)
Designated fund	-	(33,725)	(33,725)
	475,961	(521,912)	(45,951)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	344,079	(324,998)	19,081
TOTAL FUNDS	820,040	(846,910)	(26,870)

General funds are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

KINGSWOOD TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1149688

Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08150065 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1149688

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

for

Kingswood Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Kingswood Trust

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Kingswood Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Purposes and Aims

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability of circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. Our project work prioritises the most disadvantaged people in our community supporting not only children but volunteers of all ages and older people. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning outdoors, connecting with nature, and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have continued to focus on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness and isolation and those who have been impacted greatly and continue to be impacted because of the Covid-19 Pandemic and cost of living crisis.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our new activities for older people, especially those with dementia and adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

Objects

Our charitable objects are as follows:

- Advancement of Education - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helps to combat obesity.

- Conservation of the Environment - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection, and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.

- Sustainable Development - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities developing and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site.

- Prevention or Relief of Poverty - we enable subsidised charges for service users and seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people.

- Promotion of Social Inclusion - we promote social inclusion and equality of opportunity for all children, young people, volunteers of all ages and the community in outdoor and environmental learning opportunities and nature-based activities

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

In April 2022, the Trust began its financial year with the backdrop and ongoing positive impacts of the previous year's 'Nature4All Project' which had helped Kingswood Trust to develop its community and project activities, forge new partnerships, improve its natural environments and resources, and provide new opportunities for the wider community.

The Summer Term commenced with busy programme of activities. For schools, there was an eagerness to get back on track with residential stays and day visits. Several schools who had missed the previous year's activities as a knock-on effect of Covid, returned to us. For those children's families who were unable to meet the costs of a visit, we provided a voucher scheme and offers throughout the year that supported those in need. School/group leaders and parents felt that this had been a lifeline and had improved access to enable everyone to participate.

During 2021/22 we had a larger-than usual restricted fund carried over. The remainder of funding that had been ringfenced through the pandemic period was assigned to the relevant projects and we have been able to report back to funders on the successful outcomes and impact of our work utilising these much-needed funds from trusts, foundations, and local givers. It has also opened a window of opportunity to reapply to those funders that supported us 2 or more years ago. This meant that alongside our work with schools and groups for residential and day visits we also had a full programme of project work.

The quality of our service and safety and safeguarding compliances were re-assessed in the Autumn and we received a new 2-year Quality Badge in September 22. The Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management.

The skill set of the Trust Board has continued to provide good governance of the charity - offering appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in aspects such as finance, education, the environment, the community, and strategy. Our two new Trustees appointed during the previous reporting period have been an asset to the board, offering new insights and ideas, so further supporting our work and developments. Regular monitoring of financial accounts and centre policies ensures due diligence and protection of the charity and the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Timely committee and subcommittee meetings and Trustees actively participating in some of the day-to-day volunteering opportunities, projects and events has ensured that the Charity manager and staff receive appropriate challenge and support. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track.

The historical background to Kingswood Trust is truly relevant to our ongoing work and has been highlighted even more during this reporting period. Kingswood has been an important asset within its local community for 100 years and January 2023 marked the beginning of a year of centenary celebrations.

Kingswood began as 'Wolverhampton Children's Holiday Camp.' It started with the idea that 'poor' children could benefit from a holiday in the outdoors. The original buildings were World War I wooden Nissan huts with stretchers for beds although a brick pavilion was added in the 1930's. This became the hall that is still in use today. During World War II, brick-built dormitories (still in use) were erected, and Air raid shelters were built for emergency use.
After World War II, the holiday camp was contracted by the Local Education Authority to house an Open-Air School for "delicate" children. Many suffered from breathing problems, were under nourished with poor development and their families were in social need. The open-air school had a significant impact for many years due to outdoor lessons and the medical and educational support at the school. The children made huge progress out of the city in this countryside environment. In 1958 it was decided to build new accommodation on land next door.

In the late 1960s the original Trust was wound up and the site bought by Wolverhampton Council. Since 1973, the site has been used as an environmental centre to enable children and the wider community opportunities for residential and day visits, forest school activities and to learn about nature, with the site being transferred in 2014 on a 125-year lease to the Kingswood Trust, a registered charity.

Since 2014 we have developed both our charitable activities and site. Initially, on becoming a charity, we further developed our links with our local community as well as funders, alongside continuing to offer residential stays, day visits and Forest School programmes for schools, generating income from fees. However, some children and families were identified who were unable to participate due to financial and other constraints. Consequently, distinct projects to address some of these barriers were developed. In 2022, this continued to be our priority, and it became clear that Kingswood was successfully addressing some aspects of local poverty caused by the cost-of-living crisis and also helping many families reporting poor mental health and wellbeing.

Our staff team of 7 has been extremely well supported by an ever-growing band of volunteers. During this year we had over 30 regular volunteers supporting between 1 and 3 sessions per week. We were pleased to support 8 students with their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, provide 12-month placements for 2 zoology students from Harper Adams University, offer 3 schoolwork experience placements and 3 college volunteer days. We were able to provide regular volunteering opportunities for other partners including Shropshire Wild Teams (Mental Health Adult Group), Afro Caribbean Community Initiative (Gentlemen with poor mental health), The Wolverhampton Reparation Service and Highflyers (Adults with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

This year we have also seen an increased number of groups approaching the charity to support us through days of giving and companies through their Corporate Social Responsibility policies. For example: Robaston College, Brewood Guides, Cosford Air Cadets, TELUS Communications, HSBC Bank, Paycare, South Staffordshire Council and ReAssure.

Our volunteers with their enthusiasm, energy, and commitment continue to maintain our outdoor environment and have delivered a whole host of grounds work activities such as clearing back overgrown bramble, digging, stacking deadwood, building brash fences, and maintaining the new accessible garden, growing areas, and creating new ponds. In October 2022, we embarked on a new wetland project which saw the successful installation of two new adjacent ponds, new hedge planting, along with the development of a silver birch walk and new heathland area. Bee nesters and new bat and bird boxes were also built and installed.

Volunteers supported indoor and outdoor activities, painting and repairing the building, supporting with applications for funding, publicity, and marketing. They are an integral part of our planning and delivery of community events and weekly Saturday opening to the public. In addition, our volunteers spend a lot of time talking to our visitors and beneficiaries and help the Trust to capture feedback in a variety of formats and to shape our service.

During 2023 we have continued to record data and monitor projects, carefully recording outcomes, taking photographs, helping visitors complete questionnaires, and recording quotes from participants. This has helped us to produce several case studies and project information leaflets along with physical displays of our activities to share with others. This has proved to be an effective way of communicating what we do, who can participate and what the impact has been to existing and potential partners, funders and to take to network and community events. This year we have sought new opportunities to speak to local groups, both through formal presentations and informal stands in our community, about our work and what we can offer and to find out what people need and would like to do.
Our evaluation report produced in March 2022 provides an ongoing framework for questionnaires and how we evaluate our projects.

Staff Professional Development and Learning for All continues to be a priority. The Trust uses an online training company, available to all staff and volunteers. This year, staff have completed training in Health and Safety, Fire Prevention/Fire Warden Training, Equality and Diversity Training, Special Educational Needs, Safeguarding and Food Safety. First Aid training (face to face) has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.
This year we also completed some joint training with volunteers run by the Red Cross around isolation and loneliness. Other practical training has included evaluation training, orchard management and green woodworking. Increasing the environmental knowledge and skills of staff and volunteers is central to working with people outdoors. We benefit from several people with expert knowledge already supporting Kingswood Trust. In addition, a number of our volunteers support their peers, we engage with local bee, bat, and bird experts and last year we ran a successful bioblitz with teachers from Staffordshire University, local wildlife and woodland trusts, solitary bee experts and a wildflower enthusiast from Staffordshire Naturalists Group.

In terms of reputation, the Trust started from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we continue to have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. Our service users have also commented regarding the range of improvements and developments that have taken place this year.

Funders and Fundraising
Over the last 12 months, the Trust has continued to work hard to raise funds to support the delivery of projects, develop our site and grounds and update resources for the delivery of our charitable aims and for those who need support most. We have continued to build our relationship with existing funders and forge links with new ones. This has enabled us to continue with some existing projects and to provide new opportunities for a broader range of beneficiaries based on the needs of our community.

Applications for funding to Trusts, Foundations and other grant givers has been a priority again this year. Funding for projects from the period of the lockdowns was ring fenced and these restricted funds were then utilised as soon as we could restart activities. This has meant some catch up work and the Centre has been a hive of activity over this last 12 months. 65 funders have supported Kingswood Trust during 22/23:

Peter Storrs Trust
Irving Memorial Trust
Desmond Foundation
Christadelphian Samaritan Foundation
Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust
Ala Green Charitable Trust
Denman Charitable Trust
Patrick Trust
Alpkit Foundation
Brian Murtagh Charitable Trust
Dumbreck Charity
Belaqua Charitable Trust
MBILI Charitable Trust
Wolverhampton Lions Club Charitable Trust
Souter Charitable Trust
Johnnie Johnson Trust
Hedley Foundation Ltd
Alchemy Foundation
Emma Bussey Trust
Louis Nicholas Residuary Charitable Trust
Pamela Barlow Charitable Trust
Brian D Newman Foundation for the Environment
Morley Family Charitable Trust
Tettenhall Rotary Club
Edward & Dorothy Cadbury Charitable Trust
Joan Wilkinson Charitable Trust
Edgar E Lawley Charitable Trust
Archer Trust
Howard Wagstaff Trust
Hearth Foundation
Casey Trust
Toy Trust
Warburtons Foundation
DMF Ellis Charitable Trust
Squishy
Grant Foundation
Grantham Yorke Trust
CB & HH Taylor 1984 Trust
Wilmcote Charitrust
D'Oyly Carte Trust
Mountbatten Memorial Trust
Mrs Yvonne Flux Charitable Trust
Gowling WLG Charitable Trust
W A Cadbury Charitable Trust
Co-op Foundation
W E Dunn Trust
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust
RS Brownless Charitable Trust
J A Gillett Charitable Trust
Baron Davenport's Charity
Oakley Charitable Trust
David Solomons Trust
Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust
Eveson Trust
E H Smith Charitable Trust
Edwards Cadbury Trust
Leigh Trust
Alex Robert-Miller Charitable Trust
Blakemore Foundation
Rowlands Trust
Seccombe Trust
Four Winds Trust
CLA Charitable Trust

Our own fundraising has been supported through community activities including quiz nights, games nights, a sponsored walk and our 2022 Calendar of Community Family Events. During this period, we also ran a grand raffle. We are a 'good cause' in the South Staffordshire Community Lottery with a small number of supporters and receive donations of goods and services from some local community members and corporate organisations. The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact on both our service users and supporters and so larger fundraising activities within our immediate community has not been possible.
During the summer of 2022, David Austin Roses supported the Kingswood Trust by budding and donating 150 roses which were sold to local people. This is the charities own unique Kingswood Rose. There is an ongoing commitment to continue with this donation yearly. We have been successful in raising funds on a regular basis through the sale of refreshments at 'Woody's Snack Stop', along with souvenirs, animal feed and other shop items. The addition of contactless payments alongside cash has boosted sales.

Core Activities and Projects

The five activities below are a summary of our core business.

1. **Residential stays**-children can stay away from home for one or two nights, often for the very first time. They share a bedroom with their peers, enjoy family-style mealtimes, make their own beds, and take responsibility for themselves. Throughout their stay, the children engage in a variety of curriculum-based and team and wellbeing activities around the environmental site. They go on walks to local villages, farms and common land and expe rience learning and life in a rural environment.
In 2022/23 we delivered 47 residential opportunities, supporting 1880 children.

2. **Day visits**-these involve carefully planned learning opportunities in our world outside the classroom. Themed and bespoke days encourage a focus on learning and personal development and include wellbeing days, team days, story-themed days and environmental and Forest School activities.
In 2022/23 we delivered 80 Day Visits supporting 3200 children

3. **Forest School Programmes**-Children from aged two, visit one day per week for six weeks or more for a child-centred woodland programme, aimed at developing confidence, independence, and self-esteem. Activities include woodland investigation, sensory activities and observing wildlife. They use tools and work creatively with natural mat erials.
In 2022/23 we delivered 8 programmes supporting 96 children

4. **Calendar of community events and activities**-our annual programme included a range of family events such as a Fairy and Elves Festival, Harry Potter Event, Pumpkin Parade, Family Camping, Music Festival and Holiday Clubs. We also run activities as Fundraisers including Quiz Nights, Barn Dance, Race Nights and Kurling. Other activities include Bird Ringing sessions, Wildlife Walks and workshops for hedge laying, greenwood working and nature crafts. We are open for Saturday Forest Fun, each week and have run early years sessions, stay and play owlets, winter w armers for older people.
Our 2022/23 Eventbrite numbers show that 1985 people booked online. This doesn't account for those paying on the day.

5. **Volunteering**-Our current 30 regular volunteers attend up to 3 sessions per week, undertaking grounds and site maintenance, environmental project development e.g., new ponds, habitats and mindfulness garden, support with our community events and weekly Saturday Forest Fun as well as promoting and publicising our activities and helping with the delivery and evaluation of projects. We also provide both group and corporate volunteering.
In 2022/23, more than 6200 hours of volunteering were recorded with 135 individual volunteers participating.

Total = 7296 recorded beneficiaries

<u>The following provide an outline of 3 projects which we sought funding to deliver in 22/23</u>

Days in the Woods Project-The project specifically targeted the most deprived and disadvantaged children aged 3-11, including children with special educational needs and disabilities; for example, those with autism, sensory impairments, medical conditions, and children with mental health challenges. They explored and worked creatively with a range of natural materials and made a base camp and shelters for their activities. They build and cook on a campfire, learn about camp craft, climb trees, build dens and have fun. Transport is provided. Through these activities we have been able to provide activities for many children who live in areas of social and economic de privation and who rarely travel away from their immediate home environment.
In 2022/23 we delivered 34 Days in the Woods, supporting 952 children.

Nature Connections Project-The project focused on supporting older people (and their carers/family members), many of whom have been diagnosed with dementia and other progressive neurological disorders, conditions that profoundly change the practicalities of their everyday lives. We have also identified a need to support other disadvantaged adult groups e.g. those with SEND's, poor mental health, brain injury and older members from ethnic minority backgrounds who may not engage with other services (these groups are not captured in any of our other projects and experience exclusion, loneliness and isolation).'Nature Connections' activities included woodland walks, pond dipping, bird watching, sensory activities, meet the pets and nature-based craft and creative activities. In addition, beneficiaries visit our WW2 air raid shelters-used to stimulate memories and communication (refreshments are included). This project has been a lifeline for those older people on their own but also for carers who have little respite.
We have been able to work with 10 partner organisations.
In 2022/23 we delivered 23 Nature Connections opportunities, supporting 690 older or isolated people.

Access2Nature Project-These are day visits for families from some of the most deprived parts of Wolverhampton and South Staffordshire, some with multiple disadvantages. Beneficiary children might include those with SENDs, families facing trauma and those with poor mental health. Many of whom have no gardens or green spaces to play in and enjoy. Family engagement activities include woodland trails, animal encounters, practical nature crafts, games, campfires, and other nature-based activities. The provision of transport and a hot meal has been very well received by families this year with many struggling to provide for their children and themselves. Access was highlighted as a barrier for many families with all saying that they would not be able to afford an entry fee to activities. Most parents said that they had no car, many with no garden and lacked the funds and confidence to attempt public transport. Many parents said that they had really enjoyed being outdoors with their children, away from the internet and devices and the pressures of family life at home.

In 2022/23 we delivered 26 Access2Nature Days supporting 1040 people, 340 families.

Total Project Funded Beneficiaries =2682 people

Total Direct Beneficiaries from Core Business and Project Work is 9978 people.

Development of our Site
A major outdoor development this year was the removal of New Zealand Pigmy weed, an invasive species from a redundant pond. The pond began to fail during the pandemic and as a result needed considerable volunteer and staff work. The old pond was replaced with two new ponds, all completed inhouse and funded by the friends of Kingswood Trust group. The pond has been planted up and wildlife has returned to the area. New safety boundaries were installed, old fencing removed, and safety equipment and signage installed. This will be another place for nature to thrive and for visitors to enjoy pond dipping. During this period, we also installed new bird boxes and hedgehog habitats. The compost areas have been extended along with more brash fencing and log piles built by volunteers to provide further habitats for wildlife.

In September 2022 we finally managed secure enough funding to replace the two boilers in the main boiler room. This was essential work due to the number of breakdowns and problems with the heating and hot water. The boilers are now providing more energy efficient heating to our bedrooms and dining areas and are reliable, so ensuring the comfort level required for residential and day visits. We are still fundraising to improve the heating in our community hall area, which will be a priority for 2023/2024.

We were fortunate to receive 2 legacy donations of £10,000 each to develop two new areas of the site:

Firstly, we have refurbished a workshop area. This has included internal boarding and insulation to the bare brick walls internally, replacement of old single glazed windows with double glazing, installation of a new bigger and more cost-effective water heater and sink, replacement of old light fittings with cheaper to run LED lights and internal redecoration. We used some contractors for the work, but the boarding insulation and carpentry and decoration was completed by volunteers.

Secondly, we have begun work on a new mindfulness garden, creating a safe, sheltered and accessible area for people to sit and reflect, chat or just to enjoy nature. This will have a new level; surface and access route for wheelchairs and pushchairs, park benches and other accessible seating, planted and garden areas, sensory features with water, light and sound, a pond and cooking area with espalier apple trees creating a boundary from the path. This will be an area that less ambulant volunteers and other visitors can garden.

With the cost of materials rising, we have begun to develop relationships with local businesses to seek corporate support. This has resulted in donations of fencing, wood, paint, woodchips and support with some maintenance such as roofing and soffit repairs and plumbing services. This will support our ongoing maintenance and also provide materials for our volunteers.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

How our activities deliver public benefits

The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit within our objects by:

Advancement of Education

Improving the education of children and young people through outdoor and environmental education in relation to the curriculum and personal, social and emotional development. The provision of residential and day visits which offer unique learning and teaching opportunities. Providing high quality learning outside the classroom experiences for children, families, and the community. By providing community skills days and learning opportunities in general. Delivering training and development opportunities for adults working with or supporting children, young people and the community e.g., for teachers, youth workers and educational support staff.

Conservation of the Environment

Delivering a curriculum or learning activities for children, families, and the community in relation to the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. By engaging children, their families and the wider community in practical activities which improve and develop the natural environment and improve biodiversity of our site and environments that they also access e.g., schools, homes, and parks. We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people, and the community in relation to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and its wildlife, and raising understanding and awareness of issues around climate change, now and in the future.

Sustainable development

We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people and the community in relation to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and its wildlife, now and in the future. This involves the whole community in the improvement of the environment for the benefit of all who use it. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste. Groups attending the site travel by bus or minibus with transport arrangements supported by the Trust.

The prevention or relief of poverty

We assist in the prevention or relief of poverty/financial hardship in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area by providing outdoor education opportunities to improve the life for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities, which are appropriate and meet the needs of individuals or groups. Through access to our environment, activities, and resources we are able to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups.

Promotion of Social Inclusion

We provide a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self- esteem, and offer opportunities for social interaction. We promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship e.g. those who are members of a socially and economically deprived community. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially disadvantaged and poor areas of Wolverhampton and the local community. Our aim is to develop their capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their own needs and to participate more fully in society. We actively include volunteers with all abilities and run projects for those with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and poor mental health.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been the tenth period of account representing the year to March 2023. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a surplus of £2,934 (2022 surplus of £8,229).

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.

Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 6 to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08150065 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149688

Registered office

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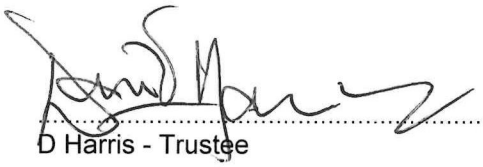
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 14 December 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



D Harris - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingswood Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can 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.

G.T. Hopwood for Haines Watts Wolverhampton Ltd

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Date: 15.12.2023

Kingswood Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2023 Total funds £**	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**30,487**	**-**	**30,487**	27,176
Charitable activities					
Grants		**20,066**	**191,004**	**211,070**	244,096
Other trading activities	2	**190,259**	**-**	**190,259**	144,945
Investment income	3	**157**	**-**	**157**	14
Total		**240,969**	**191,004**	**431,973**	416,231
EXPENDITURE ON					
Operating costs		**253,188**	**175,594**	**428,782**	407,765
Other		**257**	**-**	**257**	237
Total		**253,445**	**175,594**	**429,039**	408,002
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(12,476)**	**15,410**	**2,934**	8,229
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**14,501**	**88,232**	**102,733**	94,504
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**2,025**	**103,642**	**105,667**	102,733

The notes form part of these financial statements

Kingswood Trust

Balance Sheet
31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2023 Total funds £**	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	**18,350**	**65,525**	**83,875**	83,839
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	**13,221**	**-**	**13,221**	26,040
Cash at bank and in hand		**23,381**	**67,563**	**90,944**	151,283
		36,602	**67,563**	**104,165**	177,323
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(52,927)**	**(29,446)**	**(82,373)**	(158,429)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**(16,325)**	**38,117**	**21,792**	18,894
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**2,025**	**103,642**	**105,667**	102,733
NET ASSETS		**2,025**	**103,642**	**105,667**	102,733
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				**2,025**	14,501
Restricted funds				**103,642**	88,232
TOTAL FUNDS				**105,667**	102,733

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 14 December 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



D Harris - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included within these accounts.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverable, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Resources expended
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

Taxation
As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxartion on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.charity

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charged activity services	**123,960**	11,782
Childminding, holiday clubs etc	**0**	375
	123,960	12,157

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	**157**	14

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation	**25,746**	20,714
Independent Examiner's fee	**750**	750

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received remuneration during the period.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2023 (or 31 March 2022).

No other Trustee or Related Party to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2022:nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Teaching staff	2	2
Administration and support	6	6
	8	8

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2023.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 13% and 15% of salary with staff making equal contributions to the scheme. 7 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2022:7).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	27,176	-	27,176
Charitable activities			
Grants	108,613	135,483	244,096
Other trading activities	144,945	-	144,945
Investment income	14	-	14
Total	280,748	135,483	416,231
EXPENDITURE ON			
Operating costs	322,718	85,047	407,765
Other	237	-	237
Total	322,955	85,047	408,002
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(42,207)	50,436	8,229
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	56,708	37,796	94,504
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14,501	88,232	102,733

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2022	**231,677**
Additions	**25,782**
At 31 March 2023	**257,459**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2022	**147,838**
Charge for year	**25,746**
At 31 March 2023	**173,584**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2023	**83,875**
At 31 March 2022	83,839

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	**12,213**	20,116
VAT	**-**	3
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,008**	1,361
Accrued income	**-**	4,560
	13,221	26,040

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Other creditors	**50,927**	61,709
Deferred income	**31,446**	96,720
	82,373	158,429

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**(26,125)**	**4,535**	**(21,590)**
Designated fund	**40,626**	**(17,011)**	**23,615**
	14,501	**(12,476)**	**2,025**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**88,232**	**15,410**	**103,642**
TOTAL FUNDS	**102,733**	**2,934**	**105,667**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**240,969**	**(236,434)**	**4,535**
Designated fund	**-**	**(17,011)**	**(17,011)**
	240,969	**(253,445)**	**(12,476)**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**191,004**	**(175,594)**	**15,410**
TOTAL FUNDS	**431,973**	**(429,039)**	**2,934**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(929)	(25,196)	(26,125)
Designated fund	57,637	(17,011)	40,626
	56,708	(42,207)	14,501
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,796	50,436	88,232
TOTAL FUNDS	94,504	8,229	102,733

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	280,748	(305,944)	(25,196)
Designated fund	-	(17,011)	(17,011)
	280,748	(322,955)	(42,207)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	135,483	(85,047)	50,436
TOTAL FUNDS	416,231	(408,002)	8,229

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(929)	(20,661)	(21,590)
Designated fund	57,637	(34,022)	23,615
	56,708	(54,683)	2,025
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	37,796	65,846	103,642
TOTAL FUNDS	94,504	11,163	105,667

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	521,717	(542,378)	(20,661)
Designated fund	-	(34,022)	(34,022)
	521,717	(576,400)	(54,683)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	326,487	(260,641)	65,846
TOTAL FUNDS	848,204	(837,041)	11,163

General funds are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Voluntary income	**15,858**	18,800
Donations and grants	**14,629**	8,376
	30,487	27,176
Other trading activities		
Schools activities and services	**190,259**	144,945
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	**157**	14
Charitable activities		
Grants	**211,070**	244,096
Total incoming resources	**431,973**	416,231
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	**204,305**	164,891
Social security	**13,597**	16,316
Pensions	**43,516**	38,154
Sessional supply	**6,479**	35,431
Catering and provisions	**15,017**	5,755
Rates and water	**3,900**	3,164
Insurance	**5,078**	4,377
Light and heat	**19,350**	12,961
Repairs and maintenance	**28,125**	33,509
Cleaning and laundry	**8,399**	3,763
General overheads	**17,447**	16,476
Project resources, development and training	**9,736**	8,329
Transport	**19,179**	33,445
Depreciation	**25,746**	23,168
Legal and professional	**8,908**	8,026
	428,782	407,765
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	**257**	237
Total resources expended	**429,039**	408,002
Net income	**2,934**	8,229

KINGSWOOD TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1149688

Accounts

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REVISED

Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

for

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Kingswood Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Our Purposes and Aims

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability of circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our new activities for older people, especially those with dementia and adults and children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning outdoors, connecting with nature, and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have focussed on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness and isolation and those who have been impacted greatly and continue to be impacted because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Objects

Our charitable objects are as follows:

- Advancement of Education - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helps to combat obesity.

- Conservation of the Environment - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection, and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.

- Sustainable Development - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities developing and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site.

- Prevention or Relief of Poverty - we enable subsidised charges for service users and seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people.

- Promotion of Social Inclusion - we promote social inclusion and equality of opportunity for all children, young people, volunteers of all ages and the community in outdoor and environmental learning opportunities and nature-based activities.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

April 2021 began with a new sense of optimism, albeit with some caution as we were able to begin to get back to delivering our face-to-face activities both outdoors and in. School and parental confidence in their children and staff engaging in activities rose and by September 2021 our residential and day programmes were back on track. Living with Covid 19 has become an integral part of our lives and planning and we have been able to be flexible in our policies and delivery to accommodate the unavoidable rescheduling of visits and changes to our working practices to keep visitors, staff, and volunteers safe. In April 2021 we were awarded a Covid Secure badge through the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and received our updated Quality badge in September 21. The LOtC Quality Badge is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management.

During this financial year we have welcomed two new Trustees and our Trust board now comprises 8. Trustees have a clear understanding and oversight of how the charity is managed and its developments and during the pandemic was able to support the Charity Manager with both the financial and practical challenges that arose during this difficult time. The skill set of the Trust board has continued to provide good governance of the charity - offering appropriate knowledge, skills, and experience in aspects such as finance, education, the environment, the community, and strategy. Regular monitoring of financial accounts and centre policies ensures due diligence and protection of the charity and the safety and wellbeing of all stakeholders. Timely committee and subcommittee meetings and Trustees actively participating in some of the day-to-day volunteering opportunities, projects and events has ensured that the Charity manager and staff receive appropriate challenge and support. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track and new procedures were reviewed and continued in relation to Covid 19 safety and risk assessments.

During the last 15 months (12 months of this financial year) Kingswood Trust has been helping to build back greener from the Corona Virus Pandemic through our "Nature4All Project." The fund was delivered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund on behalf of Defra in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency. The focus of the funding was on nature restoration, nature-based solutions and connecting people with nature, whilst creating and keeping jobs. This fund provided a lifeline as schools and other beneficiary groups were getting used to the new normal and enabled many disadvantaged children, families, and people in our community to reconnect with nature for improved health and wellbeing.

Nature4All was kickstarted by the enthusiasm, energy, and commitment of volunteers as they embarked on a whole host of grounds work activities: clearing back overgrown bramble, digging, stacking deadwood, building brash fences, and clearing to make way for a new Garden and Growing Area and Forest School Area. This popular project has been supported by 86 volunteers aged 14-84, learning new skills and completing 143 volunteer sessions.

Nature was given a great boost too as 156 trees and 48 new species of flora were planted in the woodland and orchard. Bat and bird boxes were constructed and installed with new habitats for solitary bees, bugs and small mammals created. The new garden was developed, featuring fruit, vegetables and flowers and a small tree nursery. This offered new opportunities for adults and children to enjoy gardening activities and observe wildlife.

As well as nature restoration, this project has helped more people to access and enjoy the great outdoors. Children and families have participated in a variety of exciting learning opportunities through forest school programmes, days in the woods and nature activities for the under 5's. older people suffering from isolation and loneliness, people living in care homes, dementia support groups and clubs for the elderly have also benefitted from joining in new Nature inspired activities.

This project has enabled Kingswood Trust to focus on developing staff and volunteers' ability to capture feedback from our stake holders and reflect on the outcomes and impact of our activities. This has been achieved through the creation of an evaluation framework with the support of an evaluation consultant. Staff and volunteer training, guidance, on site visits and telephone support as well as the creation of our own new database through the company "Lamplight" is enabling us to shape our projects to what our community needs and addresses local and national issues.

The production of an independent evaluation report captured the range of feedback. We were able to prioritise with the support of our steering group meetings with the friend's group and other staff, trustees, and volunteers and via network opportunities within our local community. This year we have also been out in our local community to discuss what we do, how we can help and to determine what the main issues are within the area that we can help with. This has included stands at events, visits to our local shopping area, libraries, and community hubs.

Opportunities for staff and volunteer development continue to be a priority. The trust uses an online training company so that all staff have been able to maintain qualifications in first aid, safeguarding, food hygiene and health and safety updates. Volunteers also continue to access this this year. First Aid training (face to face) has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.

Our business plan includes appropriate activities, not for profit which are accessible and affordable to all. The establishment of the Kingswood Trust in 2014 and its development over the last 8 years has taken hard work and a drive to establish two key areas - its reputation and its relationships with stakeholders. These two areas have been central to the Trusts Business Improvement Plan, along with trustees ensuring that the finances are in place to deliver its aims and objects.

In terms of reputation, the Trust starts from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we continue to have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. Our service users have also commented regarding the range of improvements and developments that have taken place this year, despite the pandemic.

Funders and Fundraising

Over the last 12 months, the Trust has continued to work hard to recover from this challenging period and to finish this year again in a financially positive position. In addition to delivering the Green Recovery Challenge fund, developing the site and environments, and connecting with more people, we have continued to build our relationship with existing funders and forge links with new ones. This has enabled us to continue with some existing projects and to provide new opportunities for a broader range of beneficiaries based on the needs of our community.

Applications for funding to Trusts, Foundations and other grant givers has been a priority again this year. Funding for projects from the period of the lockdowns was ring fenced and these restricted funds were then utilised as soon as we could restart activities. This has meant some catch up work and the Centre has been a hive of activity over this last 12 months. Our funders include:

Eric Bennett Memorial Trust
Pamela Barlow Charitable Trust
A L A Green Charitable Trust
Cole Charitable Trust
N Smith Charitable Settlement
DMF Ellis Charitable Trust
Mills and Reeve Charitable Trust
Philip King Charitable Trust
Gowling WLG UK Charitable Trust
Stanley Smith Charitable Memorial Fund
Gemma and Chris McGough Charitable Trust
Johnnie Johnson Trust
Grimmit Trust
Sackler Trust
Wilmcote Charitrust
Culra Charitable Trust
Michael Marsh Charitable Trust
MBILI Charitable Trust
Wednesfield Rotary Club Trust Foundation
Rowlands Trust
National Lottery Awards4All
Donald and Patricia Marsh Charitable Trust
Richardson Brothers Charitable Trust
South Staffs CC Charitable Foundation
Outhwaite Charitable Trust
Souter Charitable Trust
Grace Trust
Rotary/James Beattie
J A Gillette Charitable Trust
Stockwell/Cliffe Charitable Trust
Leigh Trust
Emma Doris Bussey Trust
Rhiannon Trust
Roger and Douglas Turner Trust
Grey Court Trust
Seccombe Trust
H C Beer Charitable Trust
Open Gate
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust
Margaret Owen Trust
Bite Size Pieces
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust
Beatrice Laing Trust
Edgar E Lawley Trust
David Family Foundation
James Beattie Charitable Trust

Richard Cadbury Charitable Trust
Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation
Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust
W E Dunn Trust
James Frederick and Ethel Anne Measures Charity
Twinkle Trust
P B Dumbell Charitable Trust
Miss M E Rouse Charitable Foundation29th May 1961 Charity
Hearth Foundation
Blakemore Foundation
Ninevah Charitable Trust
William Dean Education and Countryside Trust
Rowley Trust
Four Winds Trust
+2 Anonymous Donors

Our own planned programme of fundraising activities ceased during the previous financial year because of Covid 19 Restrictions. In April 2021 we were able to fully restart our community activities, mainly outdoors and Kingswood Trust began new public opening on Saturdays and Tuesdays, generating new income from "Park and Play" activities and "Forest Fun Days" and through the sale of drinks, snacks, and souvenirs from our new outdoor "Woody's Snack Stop". In November 2021 we launched our new calendar of events which has proved very popular with people of all ages.

Core Activities and Projects

Schools Activities
Residential Stays, Day Visits and Forest Schools - Funding received for providing free residential places was reserved so that disadvantaged families could benefit from September 2021, when schools and families were more confident to participate. During the 12-month period, 27 residential programmes took place with 945 children benefitting. Of these, 332 free residential places were given to children in disadvantaged circumstances.

Staff at a local Primary School, told us that the residential experience had a positive impact. The activities helped build children's self-esteem and confidence, whilst encouraging teamwork and independence. Another teacher from an inner-city school said, "It has been great to see the children out of the formality of the classroom...exploring and being children again."

"The children have really enjoyed the outdoor nature of the visit and activities. It has enabled them to relax away from screens and experience new skills and activities they would not normally have the chance to participate in."

Most summer 2021 activities were based on day visits. During 2021-22 Kingswood Trust was able to deliver 98 Day visits supporting 3460 children. Our funded "Days in the Woods Programme" enabled 1480 children to receive a free day visit.

100% of children agreed that the outdoor environment is the best place to learn about nature.

All children felt that it is healthier to spend time outdoors with many stating this is because fresh air and exercise is good for you and makes you feel happier.

Everyone agreed that it is important to respect/help nature and look after the environment. Reasons for this included caring for plants by watering them and caring for living things, having an awareness of climate change and what they can do to help-recycling, re-using and stop destroying trees to protect wildlife and the planet.

For the Summer Term 2021 we designed new activities and opportunities to help children reconnect and improve their wellbeing. The new "Wellbeing Days" and "Story Themed Days" have been very well received by schools and other groups.

100% of visitors said that they felt safe and that Covid measures were excellent. Benefits identified by educators included:

- Amazing opportunities to get our children to be close to nature and have time to investigate
- Much needed time to have space and fresh air deprived of them during the pandemic
- A space to be adventurous, physically, and mentally
- An opportunity to reconnect with nature and each other safely outdoors

-Time and space to be calm and communicate in different ways
- Just a chance to get outdoors and focus on practical activities again
- Allowing children to solve their own problems, have a go and be more independent.

Family Learning and Engagement

Our new project Access2Nature has enabled families to reconnect during and after the Pandemic and has provided a range of forest school and environmental activities for the most deprived children and their families, many of whom face multiple disadvantages. This year the project supported 325 disadvantaged families from the poorest parts of the city of Wolverhampton. The project provided free transport, a free healthy lunch and all the activities and resources for a memorable day in nature. There has been increasing demand for this project and we are now broadening our reach to families with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, children with mental health and medical needs. This includes single parent families, families at the Women's Refuge and refugee and migrant families. Families described how difficult the last 2 years had been and that they have little or no money available for these types of activities. Most parents said that they had no car, many with no garden and lacked the funds and confidence to attempt public transport. Many parents said that they had really enjoyed being outdoors with their children, away from the internet and devices and the pressures of family life at home.

- 100% of families strongly agreed that being outdoors in nature helped their family to improve physical and mental health
- 90% of families strongly agreed that they had fun learning something new and playing together
- All families reported that being outdoors helped them feel more relaxed and less anxious
- All families strongly agreed that they enjoyed time away from technology, screens, and TV
- 90% of adults strongly agreed that they are likely to embark on other nature activities in the future.

Our Work with Older People

Our "Nature Connections" project followed a small pilot before Covid 19. Over the last 12 months, older people aged 65+ and their carers were invited to Kingswood Trust to participate in our Nature Connections Programme.

These day visits enabled older people to take part in this funded project which aims to combat loneliness, improve health and wellbeing, and reconnect people with nature and each other. Partner organisations that got involved include dementia support groups, care homes, clubs for older people and other support groups in our local community. These bespoke activities included a walk following trails to see features such as the growing areas and air raid shelters. They were able to meet and interact with our animals (rabbits, tortoises, Guinea pigs, ducks, chickens, and sheep) as well as have a go at nature activities and crafts. These activities offered intergenerational opportunities to meet others though walking and chatting together and stopping to say hello to other groups on site such as a local school. As part of their visit, we also provide participants with a free drink and cake to sit together for discussion and reflection times. This was enhanced through looking at our many old photos and artefacts over the decades to stimulate memories.

634 people participated aged 65-98. We have developed new partnerships with 9 new organisations: Sunrise Care Home, Perton Manor Care Home, Wombourne Dementia Support Group Brewood Dementia Support Group, We'll Meet Again - Older People Group, Midland Heart, Home Instead Telford, Home Instead Wombourne and The Staffordshire Partnership. For some of these groups we have also provided the transport to enable better access to Kingswood Trust.

Some Evaluation Feedback:

- 100% satisfaction levels were recorded
- Excellent for providing opportunities for physical exercise through walking in stimulating and different natural environments
- Much needed and relaxed time for older people to interact with each other and nature for better mental health and wellbeing
- People felt calm in our nature spaces, enjoyed the fresh air, the seasons and said they felt happy
- The project enabled people to chat with others, enjoy social time and to recall memories from the past
- People felt supported and less isolated during the sessions and wanted to return.

Development of our Grounds and Buildings

Over the last 12 months, our funders and volunteers have helped Kingswood Trust to make changes for the better in our physical and natural environments so that all our beneficiaries can enjoy a quality experience. The Green Recovery Challenge Funding enabled us to improve our site in many ways for wildlife and for people. Some further examples include:

- The creation of a new Adventure Play Area within the woodland, using existing trees and adding additional features for problem solving activities. The area is inspected annually by RoSPA. Staff received training on the low ropes course, and this has been an excellent addition to our outdoor resources.
- The development of a new Forest School Area - Holyhead Woods with a variety of resources for woodland investigation and adventure, along with den building, campfires, and physical play. There has been significant planting along this area following the addition of fencing at the end of the previous financial year.
- Completion of a new Forest School Shelter - created using recycled decking, pallets, and wood on site. This has a living roof and external bank with a range of new wildflower planting.
- Creation of Woody's Den - a new under-cover area with seating for visitors to shelter. This is used as an additional teaching area and families often engage in nature crafts and recycling projects here. This is an additional shelter to that built through the Nature4All Funding in our Garden area.
- The raised garden area has been further developed linking it to other areas with additional hoggin paths and paving to enable families with pushchairs, those with mobility needs and older people to access the site more effectively.
- Several sustainable features have been installed including new compost areas and worm café, solitary bee nesters, rainwater collection systems and an eco-toilet. We have also installed photo voltaic cells to the outdoor toilet and solar lights in our new shelters.
- We have been able to improve signage to and around the charity. We installed new welcome signs at the main entrance and brown utility signs to help people find Kingswood Trust. Around our site we have several new interpretation boards that improve the experience for visitors of all ages and abilities.
- The animal encounter area has been improved further with a new seating area and accessible paths as well as an under-cover area for use during inclement weather.

Our Work with Volunteers

Our work with volunteers over the last 12 months has been central to the Nature4All Project. The funding helped us to purchase appropriate clothing, tools, resources, and training to support the range of activities that they are involved with. It also provided some funds towards refreshments.

This voluntary work has supported animal care, events and activities, site development, grounds maintenance, site repairs, publicity and professional skills and expertise. Our 86 volunteers have completed more than 7580 work hours with a value of £90,960 (@£12 per hour). Kingswood Trust was able to fund a new volunteer coordinator post to work with volunteers throughout the Nature4All project.

Volunteer sessions currently run on two weekdays and Saturdays. During the summer months we also ran Wildlife Wednesdays, where volunteers were involved in environmental surveying and biodiversity activities - this improved our own knowledge to share with others and helped to plan future environmental activities. 64% of our volunteers live in Wolverhampton, 24% live in Staffordshire and 12% live in Telford & Wrekin or Shropshire.

The top 6 reasons for volunteering were:

1.To meet others/make friends 2. To learn new skills/ to exercise my brain 3. To make a positive contribution 4. To improve my health and wellbeing 5 To give something back 6. Because I believe in what you do - connecting people to nature.

We have worked with some other volunteer groups this year, including Shropshire Wild Teams (people with mental health needs), High Flyers (adults with learning disabilities), Afro Caribbean Community Initiative (adults with mental health needs), Refugee and Migrant Centre volunteers and some local business volunteer groups.

Wider Community Engagement

We have continued to develop our website - (fully updated by 31st March 22) and raised our online presence through our social media channels - Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. We have received some great reviews on our social media platforms. Families continue to book tickets using "Eventbrite" to access our environmental days, to walk and participate in our events and activities.

Our Saturday and Tuesday public opening has continued to be popular along with our calendar of events and other weekly activities. These can only happen with the support of our regular volunteers who serve refreshments, welcome people at the gates and help set up and deliver activities with our staff. Some examples include:

-"Wild Walk and Nature Play" and "Park and Play" public opening sessions saw more than 466 families visiting Kingswood Trust - 1398 people participated.
- Nature Hunters and Owlets Sessions - Outdoor Fun for the Under 5's and Seedlings and Saplings - Sensory outdoor fun for babies and toddlers - 92 children participated.
- Community Events such as the Lantern Festival and Campfire Fun, Santa Sleigh and Christmas Trail, Big Garden Bird Watch, Wild Cooking and Nature Crafts, Quiz and Chips, Easter Parade and Eggstravaganza, Stars of the Night - Bat Walk, Viking Encampment and Festival - 1865 people attended.
- Holiday Clubs - offering Forest School Activities and nature based learning - 72 children attended
- Training - Green Woodworking, Orchard Management, bee Talks and Bird Ringing - 46 people participating.

During our open days, volunteers have chatted to visitors to find out more about what they think and to gain feedback. Our volunteers enjoy getting feedback face to face and visitors are more open to this than questionnaires.

100% of visitors when asked said that they felt welcomed and that all staff and volunteers are extremely helpful and caring. "There is a magic about Kingswood Trust, we love all the outdoors, especially the new features and our little ones and our family feel safe here" Jo - Parent and childminder.

Families said that Kingswood Trust was very good value for money (96%). People would like to be able to visit more often (increased opening for families to benefit)

From our Surveys, some favourite activities included:

Pond dipping [the most frequent request]
Making bird boxes and bird feeders
Nature trails and story trails
Making a den - and playing in it
Bug hunting - magnifiers and collecting pots/nets
'Make something' sessions - Crafts and constructing.

Improvements suggested include: An increased number of toilets and showers (camping) that are more accessible along with baby changing facilities, improved car parking area - especially in winter, better heating indoors and improved windows/insulation. Some visitors asked for longer opening hours, more craft and creative activities, further opportunities for families, especially the under 5s, and all year around activities.

Many have commented on our improved signage, and more accessible paths but still feel that people would benefit for more onsite information. General comments once again praise the cleanliness of the site and what is offered and the importance of providing the freedom to roam and opportunities for children to play outdoors safely.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

How our activities deliver public benefits

The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit within our objects by:

Advancement of Education

Improving the education of children and young people through outdoor and environmental education in relation to the curriculum and personal, social and emotional development. The provision of residential and day visits which offer unique learning and teaching opportunities. Providing high quality learning outside the classroom experiences for children, families, and the community. By providing community skills days and learning opportunities in general. Delivering training and development opportunities for adults working with or supporting children, young people and the community e.g. for teachers, youth workers and educational support staff.

Conservation of the Environment

Delivering a curriculum or learning activities for children, families, and the community in relation to the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. By engaging children, their families and the wider community in practical activities which improve and develop the natural environment and improve biodiversity of our site and environments that they also access e.g. schools, homes and parks. We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people and the community in relation to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and its wildlife, and raising understanding and awareness of issues around climate change, now and in the future.

Sustainable development

We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people and the community in relation to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and its wildlife, now and in the future. This involves the whole community in the improvement of the environment for the benefit of all who use it. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste. Groups attending the site travel by bus or minibus with transport arrangements supported by the Trust.

The prevention or relief of poverty

We assist in the prevention or relief of poverty/financial hardship in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area by providing outdoor education opportunities to improve the life for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities, which are appropriate and meet the needs of individuals or groups. Through access to our environment, activities and resources we are able to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups.

Promotion of Social Inclusion

We provide a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self- esteem and offer opportunities for social interaction. In particular, we promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship e.g. those who are members of a socially and economically deprived community. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially and poor areas of Wolverhampton and the local community, to develop the capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society. We actively include volunteers with all abilities and run projects for those with a range of Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and poor mental health.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been the eighth period of account representing the year to March 2021. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a surplus of £64 (2020 deficit of £30,004). Income and funding for the year was adversely affected by Covid 19.

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity. Since March 2020 Kingswood Trust has been forced to shut down its residential activities in order to comply with Government regulations. The Trustees have taken appropriate steps to obtain financial support and reduce operating costs of the Trust to ensure that Kingswood will be able to provide its services when schools are allowed to participate in residential and day visits.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.

Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 6 to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08150065 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149688

Registered office

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 13 February 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



D Harris - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingswood Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 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 your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of BCOM ACA 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.

G. J. Hopwood
for Haines Watts Wolverhampton LLP

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Date: 15. 2. 2023

Kingswood Trust

REVISED Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2022 Total funds £**	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**27,176**	-	**27,176**	26,019
Charitable activities					
Grants		**108,613**	**135,483**	**244,096**	126,106
Other trading activities	3	**144,945**	-	**144,945**	12,157
Investment income	4	**14**	-	**14**	14
Other income		-	-	-	89,141
Total		**280,748**	**135,483**	**416,231**	253,437
EXPENDITURE ON					
Operating costs		**305,707**	**78,890**	**384,597**	232,461
Depreciation		**17,011**	**6,157**	**23,168**	20,714
Other		**237**	-	**237**	198
Total		**322,955**	**85,047**	**408,002**	253,373
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(42,207)**	**50,436**	**8,229**	64
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**56,708**	**37,796**	**94,504**	94,440
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**14,501**	**88,232**	**102,733**	94,504

Kingswood Trust

REVISED Balance Sheet
31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2022 Total funds £**	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	**33,725**	**50,114**	**83,839**	82,468
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	**26,040**	**-**	**26,040**	18,493
Cash at bank and in hand		**18,357**	**132,926**	**151,283**	188,754
		44,397	**132,926**	**177,323**	207,247
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	**(63,621)**	**(94,808)**	**(158,429)**	(195,211)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**(19,224)**	**38,118**	**18,894**	12,036
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**14,501**	**88,232**	**102,733**	94,504
NET ASSETS		**14,501**	**88,232**	**102,733**	94,504
FUNDS	12				
Unrestricted funds				**14,501**	56,708
Restricted funds				**88,232**	37,796
TOTAL FUNDS				**102,733**	94,504

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

REVISED Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 13 February 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



D Harris - Trustee

Notes to the Revised Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. REVISED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 have been revised.

They
- replace the original financial statements;
- are now the statutory financial statements;
- are prepared as they were at the date of the original financial statements and not as at the date of revision and accordingly do not deal with events between those dates.

The financial statements were revised in respect of the categorisation of certain items of income and expenditure between the different funds.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources
All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included within these accounts.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverable, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Resources expended
Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

Taxation
As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxartion on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.charity

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Charged activity services	**123,960**	11,782
Childminding, holiday clubs etc	**0**	375
	123,960	12,157

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	**14**	14

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation	**23,168**	20,714
Independent Examiner's fee	**750**	750

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received remuneration during the period.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2022 (or 31 March 2021).

No other Trustee or Related Party to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2021:nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

7. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Teaching staff	**2**	2
Administration and support	**6**	5
	8	7

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2022.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 13% and 15% of salary with staff making equal contributions to the scheme. 7 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2021:7).

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	26,019	-	26,019
Charitable activities			
Grants	71,913	54,193	126,106
Other trading activities	12,157	-	12,157
Investment income	14	-	14
Other income	89,141	-	89,141
Total	199,244	54,193	253,437
EXPENDITURE ON			
Operating costs	199,361	33,100	232,461
Depreciation	17,011	3,703	20,714
Other	198	-	198
Total	216,570	36,803	253,373

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	74,034	20,406	94,440
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	56,708	37,796	94,504

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2021	**207,138**
Additions	**24,539**
At 31 March 2022	**231,677**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2021	**124,670**
Charge for year	**23,168**
At 31 March 2022	**147,838**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2022	**83,839**
At 31 March 2021	82,468

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	**20,116**	565
VAT	**3**	-
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,361**	1,368
Accrued income	**4,560**	16,560
	26,040	18,493

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other creditors	**61,709**	67,972
Deferred income	**96,720**	127,239
	158,429	195,211

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.22
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**(929)**	**(25,196)**	**(26,125)**
Designated fund	**57,637**	**(17,011)**	**40,626**
	56,708	**(42,207)**	**14,501**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**37,796**	**50,436**	**88,232**
TOTAL FUNDS	**94,504**	**8,229**	**102,733**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**280,748**	**(305,944)**	**(25,196)**
Designated fund	**-**	**(17,011)**	**(17,011)**
	280,748	**(322,955)**	**(42,207)**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**135,483**	**(85,047)**	**50,436**
TOTAL FUNDS	**416,231**	**(408,002)**	**8,229**

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(614)	(315)	(929)
Designated fund	74,648	(17,011)	57,637
	74,034	(17,326)	56,708
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,406	17,390	37,796
TOTAL FUNDS	94,440	64	94,504

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	199,244	(199,559)	(315)
Designated fund	-	(17,011)	(17,011)
	199,244	(216,570)	(17,326)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	54,193	(36,803)	17,390
TOTAL FUNDS	253,437	(253,373)	64

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(614)	(25,511)	(26,125)
Designated fund	74,648	(34,022)	40,626
	74,034	(59,533)	14,501
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	20,406	67,826	88,232
TOTAL FUNDS	94,440	8,293	102,733

12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	479,992	(505,503)	(25,511)
Designated fund	-	(34,022)	(34,022)
	479,992	(539,525)	(59,533)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	189,676	(121,850)	67,826
TOTAL FUNDS	669,668	(661,375)	8,293

General funds are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year.

13. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Kingswood Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Voluntary income	**18,800**	9,634
Donations and grants	**8,376**	16,385
	27,176	26,019
Other trading activities		
Schools activities and services	**144,945**	12,157
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	**14**	14
Charitable activities		
Grants	**244,096**	126,106
Other income		
Job Retention Scheme receipts	**-**	89,141
Total incoming resources	**416,231**	253,437
EXPENDITURE		
Operating costs		
Wages	**164,891**	127,596
Social security	**16,316**	6,640
Pensions	**38,154**	26,165
Sessional supply	**35,431**	14,842
Catering and provisions	**5,755**	(190)
Rates and water	**3,164**	1,732
Insurance	**4,377**	3,181
Light and heat	**12,961**	11,057
Repairs and maintenance	**33,509**	17,420
Cleaning and laundry	**3,763**	255
General overheads	**16,476**	9,798
Project resources, development and training	**8,329**	2,598
Transport	**33,445**	5,757
Depreciation	**23,168**	20,714
Legal and professional	**8,026**	5,610
	407,765	253,175
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	**237**	198
Total resources expended	**408,002**	253,373
Net income	**8,229**	64

KINGSWOOD TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1149688

Accounts

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Report of the Trustees and

Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

for

Kingswood Trust
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

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Kingswood Trust

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES
Our Purposes and Aims

We believe that: every young person should experience the world beyond the classroom as an essential part of learning and personal development whatever their age, ability of circumstances. Our Mission at the Kingswood Trust is to provide high quality outdoor residential and environmental experiences that will support improved outcomes for the children, young people and community of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire, Shropshire, Telford, and the wider West Midlands Area. The Kingswood Trust is a residential and environmental centre 6 miles outside of the City of Wolverhampton offering access to woodland, green spaces, and purpose-built environmental resources. The buildings can accommodate over 100 people each day with capacity for 70 people to stay residentially.

Our charity is a place where history comes alive with old buildings, air-raid shelters, historical features, and artefacts. Outdoor learning takes place in our woodland and natural habitats, pond areas, bird hide, climbing trees, adventure ropes, forest school base camps and gardening areas. Opportunities to meet our sheep, ducks and chickens, rabbits, guinea pigs and tortoises are a favourite with all our visitors. Our team building programme offers essential skills activities for personal growth. Subsidised and fully funded projects enable some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, and families to benefit from the many positive impacts that our quality learning opportunities in the great outdoors brings. Our new activities for older people, especially those with dementia are having a positive impact on improving health and reducing isolation whilst accessing the benefits of being outdoors.

Outdoor activities at The Kingswood Trust focus on learning with nature, connecting with nature and appreciating the natural environment. Our work is particularly current in helping to combat the impact of sedentary lifestyles, obesity, and the increase in poor mental health. Our service meets the curriculum needs of schools and focuses on environmental learning. Children of all ages, their parents, and carers and those who support them can learn together, enjoying the benefits of hands-on activities in the fresh air. From the voluntary sector to corporate organisations, everyone can benefit from learning with nature. There are also plenty of varied opportunities to make a positive contribution to the work of our charitable trust through our extensive volunteer programme. Our outdoor activities enable learning about and through the environment and create lasting, happy memories. Over the last 12 months we have focussed on reconnecting people of all ages to the natural environment, especially older people and those suffering from loneliness, isolation and those who have been impacted greatly because of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Objects

Our charitable objects are as follows:

- Advancement of Education - we promote education in, through and about the environment. We provide tailored learning outside the classroom opportunities, including day and residential visits for children and families in areas of social and economic deprivation. This includes curriculum enhancement, improving mental and physical health and helps to combat obesity.

- Conservation of the Environment - we promote the development and protection of the environment and improve the biodiversity of our site. We encourage children, young people, and the wider community to play an active part in the conservation, protection and improvement of both the physical and natural environments.

- Sustainable Development - our activities are about living today with tomorrow in mind. We promote education for sustainability, with children, young people and the community participating in developments and activities developing and maintaining the habitats and environments on our site.

- Prevention or Relief of Poverty - we enable subsidised charges for service users and seek funding to deliver projects that help to support the needs of the most disadvantaged children, families, and older people.

- Promotion of Social Inclusion - we promote social inclusion and equality of opportunity for all children, young people, and the community in outdoor and environmental learning opportunities and nature-based activities.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims

The last 12 months has been a challenging time because of the Covid 19 Pandemic, but this has also provided new opportunities that we believe will support the ongoing sustainability of the Kingswood Trust. In March 2020, Kingswood Trust closed its gates and prepared a plan to maintain the site, reduce costs and conserve its financial resources as much as possible, whilst the Pandemic unfolded.

The 'Lockdown' from March 2020, meant that the Trust remained closed with our amazing volunteers supporting, feeding, and caring for our resident animals, maintaining the 9-acre site and monitoring to ensure the buildings and resources were kept secure and ready for reopening when this was possible.

Kingswood Trust reopened for community activities (outdoors only) during the summer of 2020 and was able to deliver some school educational activities during the Autumn Term 2020 and remained open to Christmas for limited controlled activities. In January 2021 further Government restrictions were imposed and as Covid 19 was in its second wave, this meant a further lockdown with only volunteers and some staff on site.

Our Board of Trustees, comprising 7 Trustees continued to provide strong governance of the Kingswood Trust and their varied experience and established skill set ensures that the charity is governed effectively and that the Board is well placed to provide challenge and support to the Trust's management. Regular finance meetings with the Trusts finance assistant, charity manager and nominated trustees, along with subcommittee and full board meetings were held remotely via Microsoft Teams. This ensured that the management of accounts and financial sustainability were communicated and monitored effectively.

Our trustees have an excellent relationship with staff and other volunteers and have a clear understanding of the charity's day to day operations and projects. Policy reviews and updates have remained on track and new procedures were set in place in relation to Covid 19 safety and risk assessments. The Trust has followed Government guidelines throughout the pandemic and set in place signage, hand washing and salinization stations. The Trust uses the NHS Track and Trace App and other measures to ensure social distancing for the safety of all staff and visitors.

A donor provided much need funds specifically for the purchase of additional cleaning sprays, hand sanitizers, visors, and masks, perspex screens and sanitiser stations as well as additional PPE for volunteers. The Trust received a Covid Secure Badge through the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, ensuring that the Trust is fully compliant, providing a safe, high quality resource for its beneficiaries. Kingswood Trust has been endorsed by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (CLOtC) following a thorough assessment of the Trusts activities and subsequent renewal of The Quality Badge for Learning Outside the Classroom. The LOtC Quality Badge is the only nationally recognised indicator of good quality educational provision and effective risk management.

The charity manager continues to provide detailed reports and information to the Board and the Trustees have many opportunities to engage with the work of the Trust albeit initially remotely.

This year, consultations with stake holders and the wider public has been more difficult, but some online questionnaires have been completed using Survey Monkey for volunteers. Face to face surveys and mini questionnaires have been undertaken outdoors once the Centre was able to reopen to the public from July 2020.

Kingswood Trust established a "Friends of Kingswood Trust Steering Group" comprising trustees, community friends, volunteers, and partners to discuss and agree the priorities. This included an Events - Activities Team and Impact-Evaluations Team. Kingswood Trust surveyed people through community surveys and discussions at our socially distanced outdoor community events and open days. Feedback was gathered from parents and volunteers spent time with both children and their families discussing and promoting the value of outdoor learning and the benefits of nature-based connections.

Our Friends of Kingswood Trusts Facebook Page has been highly effective way of keeping in touch with our stakeholders during the pandemic, publishing short video messages, photo posts and updates as well as advertising developments and our progress. Many of our followers ask questions, offer suggestions, and give us feedback as well as connecting through our Instagram and Twitter feeds.

Opportunities for staff and volunteer development continue to be a priority. The trust uses an online training company so that all staff have been able to maintain qualifications in first aid, safeguarding, food hygiene and health and safety updates. Volunteers have been accessing this for the first time this year. First Aid training face to face has been completed in line with government guidance. All required personnel hold an enhanced DBS check.

Our business plan includes appropriate activities, not for profit which are accessible and affordable to all. The establishment of the Kingswood Trust in 2014 and its development over the last 7 years has taken hard work and a drive to establish two key areas - its reputation and its relationships with stakeholders. These two areas have been central to the Trusts Business Improvement Plan, along with trustees ensuring that the finances are in place to deliver its aims and objects. In June 2020, the Trust established a new Restart/Recovery Plan to ensure that Kingswood Trust could be flexible to the ever-evolving Covid 19 situation, provide appropriate and safe outdoor activities and services (within the rules and government guidance) and be ready to restart when able to do so.

In terms of reputation, the Trust starts from a positive position. Feedback from schools, beneficiaries and current customers and their evaluations and testimonials demonstrate we have an excellent reputation amongst those who know and use the service. During the pandemic, schools kept in touch and we helped to reorganise their planned visits placed to a later time in the year. Residential stays that were not permitted were converted into day visits or other activities. During the end of this financial year, Schools were looking to rebook with caution due to ongoing uncertainties.

This year, the Board of trustees, supported by the Charity Manager explored ways to reduce costs. This included a staff restructure and reduction in staff hours for everyone. This was superseded by the introduction of the Government's Furlough - Job Retention Scheme. This became a lifeline for the Kingswood Trust, supporting the cost of salaries whilst closed and unable to deliver its core business. The flexible furlough scheme that followed, enabled the Trust to manage the rapidly changing situation. The whole team has been supportive of changes throughout the year to ensure that the Trust can meet the needs of beneficiaries, deliver the limited service well and respond to the ever-changing financial climate and Covid 19 pandemic.

Funders and Fundraising

The Trust has accessed and benefitted from all financial support and grants available through the government help schemes and South Staffordshire Council have been supportive in paying these out in a timely manner. This again has been a financial lifeline to support the loss of income, especially from a position where there were no residential activities and limited day activities over the last 12 months. The pandemic had already impacted on last year's financial position as it began at the busiest time in our calendar. The Trust has worked hard to recover from this challenging period and to finish this year in a financially positive position.

Applications for funding from Trusts, Foundations and other Grant givers has been a priority this year. This has included funding to continue with existing projects and embark on new activities to benefit new and existing groups. Funding for projects has been ring fenced and restricted for when the activities can take place. Funding has also been requested to purchase or replace essential equipment, tools, and other resources. This has helped maintain and develop our buildings and grounds so that we can continue to deliver high-quality opportunities for everyone. We have continued to build positive relationships with some high-profile funders and more than 50 funders have supported Kingswood Trust in this financial year. This includes:

Four Winds Trust
P B Dumbell Charitable Trust
Eveson Trust
Ala Green Charitable
Saintbury Trust
Christadelphian Samaritan Foundation
Tesco Bags of Help
Leaver Charitable Trust
Lillie Johnson Charitable Trust
Hudson Charitable Trust
Jarman Charitable Trust
Donald and Patricia Marsh Charitable Trust
Elizabeth Bennett Charitable Trust
Grimmitt Charitable Trust
Trust Music Sales Charitable Trust
Grey Court Charitable Trust
Wilmcote Charitrust
MBILI Charitable Trust
W A Cadbury Charitable Trust
Card Factory Foundation
Geoff Hill Charitable Trust
W G Edwards Charitable Trust

W E Dunn Trust
Alpkit Foundation
Grantham Yorke Trust
Open Gate
Postcode Lottery Trust
Field Family Charitable Trust
Emma Doris Bussey
Alchemy Foundation
Kendrick and Sylvia Edwards Trust
William Dean Trust
James Beattie Charitable Trust
Hearth Foundation
G I L Charitable Trust
Warburtons

National Heritage Lottery Fund

Sheldon Trust
Leigh Trust
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust
Souter Charitable Trust
Co-op Charitable Foundation
Langdale Trust
Baron Davenports Charity
Rhiannon Trust
Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
Owen Foundation Trust
Dumbreck Charity
Blakemore Foundation
Mr and Mrs Sargeant Charitable Trust
H J Cooper Charitable Trust
Local Rotary Clubs - Wolverhampton, Wolverhampton St Georges and Tettenhall

In December 2020 Kingswood Trust was thrilled to be successful with an application for £215,000 to the National Heritage Lottery through its "Green Recovery Challenge Fund." This funding has provided support for some of our environmental staff salaries, environmental grounds developments, working with volunteers and supporting several projects running from December to April in this financial year and until March 2022. The project is called Nature4All and is aimed at reconnecting people of all ages to nature for improved education, health, and wellbeing. This fund has and will continue to help Kingswood Trust to become more sustainable in the future.

Our own planned programme of fundraising activities ceased during this financial year as a result of Covid 19 Restrictions.

Our "Back to Nature JustGiving Campaign" raised over £5,000 during the summer and we have continued to receive positive publicity locally and across the West Midlands. The fundraiser was a video campaign with clips from supporters aged 3-83. Some of our staff and volunteers have been keeping in touch through zoom, teams and other online networking and the charity manager has delivered online presentations and talks to local groups and supporters. We have received funds from individual donors and grants and donations from the Rotary clubs in Wolverhampton, notably Tettenhall, St Georges and Wolverhampton Rotary Clubs.

Core Activities and Projects

Schools Activities
Residential Stays, Day Visits and Forest Schools - As a result of school closures and restrictions put in place by the Government, no school residentials took place during this Financial Year. Full refunds were given to all schools so that families could be reimbursed during this difficult time. Funding received for providing free residential places has been reserved so that disadvantaged families can benefit in the next financial year. During 2020-21 Kingswood Trust was able to deliver 32 Day visits supporting children. Our funded "Days in the Woods Programme " enabled 670 children to receive a free day visit. We have received bookings for the summer term 2021 where we would be continuing to offer free day visits for those eligible through the project. Forest School programmes have been restricted as result of social distancing and transport on the minibus.
- 100% of visitors said that they felt safe and that Covid measures were excellent.
- 100% of accompanying staff and volunteers said that the visit had supported childrens' improved mental and physical health.
- The children were happy and motivated by the outdoor activities and all gave the days a "thumbs up."
- Everyone said they had learnt something new - both adults and children.

Benefits reported by school leaders included:

- Opportunities for enrichment to learning
- Fun and better communication
- Great team building opportunities
- A chance to have some freedom and fresh air

- Much needed outdoor physical and mental health activities
- An opportunity to reconnect with nature and each other safely outdoors
- Nature based learning was very relaxing and calming
- Just a chance to get outdoors and focus on practical activities again.

For the Summer Term 2021 we are developing new activities and opportunities to help children reconnect and improve their wellbeing. This will include Wellbeing days and new nature-based activities as well as story themed outdoor activities.

Development of our Grounds and Buildings

Over the last 12 months, our funders and volunteers have helped Kingswood Trust to make changes for the better in our physical and natural environments so that all our beneficiaries can enjoy a quality experience. Some examples include:

- The purchase of a new ride on mower, gardening tools and equipment so that volunteers can keep the 9-acre site tidy, create new habitat areas, and maintain the garden and wild areas. The recent development of a more accessible gardening area will support many groups and individuals of all ages and abilities in the coming months and years.
- Providing hot drinks, snacks, work wear and PPE in all weathers for our hard-working volunteers.
- The purchase of a new chicken coop and the creation of a new animal encounter area with secure fencing and an undercover seating provides a much better experience for children and their families as well as being safer for our pets.
- The replacement of a number of single glazed windows and doors with double glazed units and the addition of insulated boards to the offices has improved the energy efficiency of the centre, reducing its carbon footprint and lowering energy costs for improved comfort and longevity of the building.
- The installation of new pergolas provides more places for shelter for our visitors during poor weather and improves accessibility for everyone.
- Replacing, repairing, and repainting outdoor picnic benches, repairing, and maintaining sheds, bird hides and store areas and keeping the outside of the building maintained.
- Repairs to our site including roof repairs, gutter and facia board replacement and plumbing jobs. These are essential repairs that require skilled support and materials.
- The addition of a new security fence along the front of our site and CCTV cameras has helped us to secure our resources as well as keep people safe.
- Maintaining habitats for wildlife, planting new species of trees and wildflowers, building bird and bat boxes supports improved biodiversity and ensures that our centre is nature rich.

Our Work with Volunteers

In 2020-2021 we have provided opportunities for 65 volunteers, individuals and some teams providing more than 4,454 hours of unpaid work. This equates to a monetary value of £53,448 (calculated @ £12 ph.). Volunteers have been a vital lifeline for the Kingswood Trust throughout the pandemic.

Our Nature4All project has resulted in the recruitment of more than 12 new volunteers aged 16-25 and additional volunteers who are looking for opportunities to meet others, make a positive contribution, learn new skills, and enjoy being outdoors in nature.

This voluntary work has supported animal feeding, events and activities, site development, grounds maintenance, site repairs, publicity and professional skills and expertise. A core of up to 30 volunteers have attended regularly throughout the last 12 months. Whilst there has been a reduction in corporate volunteering this year due to restrictions, we have received support from Johnsons Farms, Depict Creative, Hindley Building Contractors Ltd, Cadent Gas, Ground Control Shifnal and Asphalt Roofing Specialists.

Our paid staff team of 7 have also supported events and activities beyond their paid hours, adding further value and supporting volunteer and community activities.

64% of our volunteers live in Wolverhampton, 24% live in Staffordshire and 12% live in Telford & Wrekin or Shropshire.

In a volunteer survey, the top 4 reasons for volunteering were:
1. To make a positive impact and support the charity

2. Because I believe in Kingswood Trusts Mission
3. To improve my mental health and wellbeing
4. To meet other people and make friends

Some comments from volunteers included:

I felt elated, happy, useful, fitter in mind and body, I feel positive, I enjoyed participating and look forward to more, I am proud of what we worked on together to achieve, I am tired but contented with my contribution. I am happy to have met such a friendly and hard-working group. I have learnt a lot about myself, I like the opportunities to work hard.

Wider Community Engagement

Our calendar of community events ceased following the Gruffalos Party in March 2020 and whilst we were unable to deliver any community activities for some months, we kept in contact with the local community through our online networks and social media platforms. From the summer, we were able to open for "outdoor only activities". Families booked tickets using "Eventbrite" to access our environmental days, to walk and participate as a family only in socially distanced activities. This was very well received and provided a chance for people local to us to benefit from nature, exercise and have some fun outdoors together. Our volunteers helped to make this public opening happen and from December 2020 this has also been supported through funding from National Heritage Lottery. We are now open twice a week for public access.

During this financial year, our "Wild Walk and Nature Play" and "Park and Play" public opening sessions saw more than 434 families visiting Kingswood Trust. Here families used the grounds in a responsible way and benefitted from the outdoors. We were able to offer take-away drinks and snacks, generating some income from these sales.

Our volunteers welcomed an additional 313 families to our Family Activities. They participated in a Superhero Day, Wild Camping, Beer and Baguette Night, Play Days, The Pumpkin Parade, our Christmas Trails and Met Santa Outdoors.

During our open days, volunteers have chatted to visitors to find out more about what they think and to gain feedback.

100% of visitors when asked said that they felt welcomed and that all staff and volunteers are extremely helpful and caring.

Out of 146 surveys, 54% said that they visited to enjoy the natural resources, 34% to exercise, 23% for their wellbeing. 10 people said it was for all three reasons.

Some families said that there were other reasons for coming to Kingswood Trust with their families. The top reasons were -

1. Safe outdoor spaces for children to play
2. Family and Friends being able to be together
3. Trails and Events

When asked what they liked most about Kingswood Trust:

35 people said safe places to play - dens, swings, climbing trees zip wires, 32 people said the animals - sheep, ducks, chickens, and rabbits, 23 said everything, 12 said the affordability, 7 said the bunker (air raid shelters), 5 said nature and the calming effect and 5 said outdoors in nature.

Some visitors asked for longer opening hours, more craft and creative activities, further opportunities for families, especially the under 5s, all year around activities, improved signage and more accessible paths. General comments praised the cleanliness of the site and what is offered and the importance of providing the freedom to roam and opportunities for children to play outdoors safely.

During February and March, Kingswood Trust offered a new babies and toddlers "Acorns Programme" with 21 families attending 8 weekly sessions. All of these took place in the Forest school areas, and were based around nature and story themes.

In February we set up and began our new "Nature Connections" programme aimed at supporting people aged 65 and over, those with dementia and their carers. This was a time when we were building new partnerships with care homes and with organisations locally who support older people and their families. As the second wave of Covid 19 was happening and people were waiting for vaccinations, planned activities were then set to commence from the beginning of April 2021.

How our activities deliver public benefits
The trustees have given regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Our activities deliver public benefit within our objects by:

Advancement of Education
Improving the education of children and young people through outdoor and environmental education in relation to the curriculum and personal, social and emotional development. The provision of residential and day visits which offer unique learning and teaching opportunities. Providing high quality learning outside the classroom experiences for children, families and the community. By providing community skills days and learning opportunities in general. Delivering training and development opportunities for adults working with or supporting children, young people and the community e.g. for teachers, youth workers and educational support staff.

Conservation of the Environment
Delivering a curriculum or learning activities for children, families, and the community in relation to the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. By engaging children, their families and the wider community in practical activities which improve and develop the natural environment and improve biodiversity of our site and environments that they also access e.g. schools, homes and parks.

Sustainable development
We focus on improving the knowledge and skills of children, young people and the community in relation to the preservation, conservation and protection of the environment and its wildlife, now and in the future. This involves the whole community in the improvement of the environment for the benefit of all who use it. We practice a sustainable ethos, educating children, young people and the community in growing food and local sourcing, reducing, reusing and recycling in relation to resources, energy and waste. Groups attending the site travel by bus or minibus with transport arrangements supported by the Trust.

The prevention or relief of poverty
We assist in the prevention or relief of poverty/financial hardship in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area by providing outdoor education opportunities to improve the life for children and young people from socially and economically disadvantaged communities, which are appropriate and meet the needs of individuals or groups. Through access to our environment, activities and resources we are able to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of our user groups.

Promotion of Social Inclusion
We provide a wide range of activities that reinforce confidence, raise self- esteem and offer opportunities for social interaction. In particular, we promote the social inclusion of children and their families with poor educational or skills attainment and financial hardship e.g. those who are members of a socially and economically deprived community. We promote social inclusion for children and young people with special educational needs to ensure equal access to all outdoor, environmental and curriculum opportunities. We provide the environment and context for people within socially and poor areas of Wolverhampton and the local community, to develop the capacity and skills in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This has been the eighth period of account representing the year to March 2021. The principal funding source, aside from income generated from its charitable charges, activities and services, is grant income from Trusts and Foundations.

The attached accounts for Kingswood Trust show a surplus of £64 (2020 deficit of £30,004). Income and funding for the year was adversely affected by Covid 19.

The reserves policy is to ensure that sufficient reserves are available to meet the working capital requirements of the charity. Since March 2020 Kingswood Trust has been forced to shut down its residential activities in order to comply with Government regulations. The Trustees have taken appropriate steps to obtain financial support and reduce operating costs of the Trust to ensure that Kingswood will be able to provide its services when schools are allowed to participate in residential and day visits.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Kingswood Trust is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19 July 2012 and registered as a charity on 7 November 2012. The company was established by a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company. It is governed under its Articles of Association. As the charity is limited by guarantee there is no share capital.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Directors of the company are also Charity Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The method adopted for appointment of trustees is election to the post for a period of 2 years. Kingswood Trust is governed by the appointed trustees. The Trustees Board Membership representatives are elected and appointed by the 4 membership groups.

Most of the trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. The only trustees receiving any financial benefit are detailed in Note 6 to the accounts.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

08150065 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1149688

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Trustees

D Harris
S Shanks
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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Independent Examiner
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 27/4/21 and signed on its behalf by:

.....
D Harris - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Kingswood Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Kingswood Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 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
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of BCOM ACA 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.

G.T. Hopwood

for Haines Watts Wolverhampton Ltd

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Date: 1.9.2021

Kingswood Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	**2021 Total funds £**	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		**26,019**	**-**	**26,019**	31,323
Charitable activities					
Grants		**71,913**	**54,193**	**126,106**	89,770
Other trading activities	2	**12,157**	**-**	**12,157**	163,002
Investment income	3	**14**	**-**	**14**	19
Other income		**89,141**	**-**	**89,141**	-
Total		**199,244**	**54,193**	**253,437**	284,114
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds		**216,372**	**36,803**	**253,175**	313,834
Other		**198**	**-**	**198**	284
Total		**216,570**	**36,803**	**253,373**	314,118
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		**(17,326)**	**17,390**	**64**	(30,004)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		**74,034**	**20,406**	**94,440**	124,444
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		**56,708**	**37,796**	**94,504**	94,440

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet
31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	**50,736**	**31,732**	**82,468**	82,089
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	**18,493**	**-**	**18,493**	23,365
Cash at bank and in hand		**56,271**	**132,483**	**188,754**	59,638
		74,764	**132,483**	**207,247**	83,003
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	**(68,792)**	**(126,419)**	**(195,211)**	(70,652)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		**5,972**	**6,064**	**12,036**	12,351
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		**56,708**	**37,796**	**94,504**	94,440
NET ASSETS		**56,708**	**37,796**	**94,504**	94,440
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				**56,708**	74,034
Restricted funds				**37,796**	20,406
TOTAL FUNDS				**94,504**	94,440

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....27/4/21..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
D Harris - Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. The Trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including the annual budget and future cash flows in making their assessment. In particular, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Trustees have tested their cash flow analysis to take into account the impact on the charity of possible scenarios brought on by the impact of COVID-19, alongside the measures that they can take to mitigate the impact. Based on these assessments, given the measures that could be undertaken to mitigate the current adverse conditions, and the current resources available, the Trustees have concluded that they can continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included within the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included within these accounts.

Incoming resources from charitable trading activities are accounted for when earned.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverable, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Government grants that becomes receivable as compensation for expenses or losses already incurred, or for the purpose of giving immediate financial support to the entity with no future related costs, shall be recognised in income in the period in which it becomes receivable.

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life, which in the case of fixtures, fittings and equipment is estimated at 10 year, giving an annual depreciation charge at 10% straight line.

Taxation

As a registered charity Kingswood Trust is exempt from taxartion on income and gains to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No taxation charges have arisen in respect of the charity during the period.charity

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

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

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Charged activity services	**11,782**	161,840
Childminding, holiday clubs etc	**375**	1,162
	12,157	163,002

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable - trading	**14**	19

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net resources are stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation	**18,605**	17,011
Independent Examiner's fee	**750**	750

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

No Trustees received remuneration during the period.

There was no balance outstanding at 31 March 2021 (or 31 March 2020).

No other Trustee or Related Party to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year (2020:nil).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Teaching staff	2	2
Administration and support	5	5
	7	7

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year to 31 March 2021.

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for all staff. The Charity's contribution is between 13% and 15% of salary with staff making equal contributions to the scheme. 7 staff employees are members of the pension scheme (2020:7).

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	31,323	-	31,323
Charitable activities			
Grants	89,770	-	89,770
Other trading activities	163,002	-	163,002
Investment income	19	-	19
Total	284,114	-	284,114
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	312,240	1,594	313,834
Other	284	-	284
Total	312,524	1,594	314,118
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(28,410)	(1,594)	(30,004)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	102,444	22,000	124,444
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	74,034	20,406	94,440

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Fixtures and fittings £
COST	
At 1 April 2020	**186,046**
Additions	**21,092**
At 31 March 2021	**207,138**
DEPRECIATION	
At 1 April 2020	**103,957**
Charge for year	**20,713**
At 31 March 2021	**124,670**
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 31 March 2021	**82,468**
At 31 March 2020	82,089

The Land & Buildings are owned by Wolverhampton City Council and are leased to Kingswood Trust for a period of 125 years from April 2014 at an annual rent charge of £1.

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	**565**	1,514
Other debtors	**-**	2,430
Prepayments and accrued income	**1,368**	1,117
Accrued income	**16,560**	18,304
	18,493	23,365

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Other creditors	**67,972**	60,888
Deferred income	**127,239**	9,241
Accrued expenses	**-**	523
	195,211	70,652

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**(614)**	**(315)**	**(929)**
Designated fund	**74,648**	**(17,011)**	**57,637**
	74,034	**(17,326)**	**56,708**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**20,406**	**17,390**	**37,796**
TOTAL FUNDS	**94,440**	**64**	**94,504**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	**199,244**	**(199,559)**	**(315)**
Designated fund	**-**	**(17,011)**	**(17,011)**
	199,244	**(216,570)**	**(17,326)**
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	**54,193**	**(36,803)**	**17,390**
TOTAL FUNDS	**253,437**	**(253,373)**	**64**

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,785	(11,399)	(614)
Designated fund	91,659	(17,011)	74,648
	102,444	(28,410)	74,034
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	(1,594)	20,406
TOTAL FUNDS	124,444	(30,004)	94,440

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	284,114	(295,513)	(11,399)
Designated fund	-	(17,011)	(17,011)
	284,114	(312,524)	(28,410)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	-	(1,594)	(1,594)
TOTAL FUNDS	284,114	(314,118)	(30,004)

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	10,785	(11,714)	(929)
Designated fund	91,659	(34,022)	57,637
	102,444	(45,736)	56,708
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	22,000	15,796	37,796
TOTAL FUNDS	124,444	(29,940)	94,504

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	483,358	(495,072)	(11,714)
Designated fund	-	(34,022)	(34,022)
	483,358	(529,094)	(45,736)
Restricted funds			
Restricted fund	54,193	(38,397)	15,796
TOTAL FUNDS	537,551	(567,491)	(29,940)

General funds are unrestricted and available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Designated funds are unrestricted funds normally earmarked for a particular purpose. This fund represents the Fixtures, fittings and equipment donated to the charity and is reduced annually by the depreciation charge for the period by a transfer to the General funds.

Restricted funds relate to the purchase of the refreshments cabin and various grants received this year.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Voluntary income	**9,634**	5,564
Donations and grants	**16,385**	25,759
	26,019	31,323
Other trading activities		
Schools activities and services	**12,157**	163,002
Investment income		
Interest receivable - trading	**14**	19
Charitable activities		
Grants	**126,106**	89,770
Other income		
Job Retention Scheme receipts	**89,141**	-
Total incoming resources	**253,437**	284,114
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Wages	**127,596**	159,089
Social security	**6,640**	11,818
Pensions	**26,165**	31,957
Sessional supply	**14,842**	6,656
Catering and provisions	**(190)**	11,104
Rates and water	**1,732**	4,299
Insurance	**3,181**	3,363
Light and heat	**11,057**	17,695
Repairs and maintenance	**17,420**	17,665
Cleaning and laundry	**255**	4,900
General overheads	**9,798**	11,801
Project resources, development and training	**2,598**	3,803
Transport	**5,757**	5,706
Fixtures and fittings	**20,714**	18,605
Legal and professional	**5,610**	5,373
	253,175	313,834
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	**198**	284
Total resources expended	**253,373**	314,118
Net income/(expenditure)	**64**	(30,004)