

BUXTON WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL

England & Wales · Charity number 1156707

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-04-15

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE ARTS AND ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN BUXTON, DERBYSHIRE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, IN PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:1) PRESERVING AND PROMOTING THE HISTORICAL TRADITION OF A WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL AND (2) ADVANCING THE EDUCATION IN THE HISTORICAL TRADITION AND CRAFT OF WELL DRESSING, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF WORKSHOPS, EXHIBITIONS AND DEMONSTRATIONS.

Activities: Preserve and promote the historical tradition of a Well Dressing Festival

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£21,401	£19,305	-	-
2024-09-30	£20,707	£17,584	-	-
2023-09-30	£18,264	£15,890	-	-
2022-09-30	£17,242	£16,690	-	-
2021-09-30	£1,859	£4,868	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
RICHARD WILLIAM LOWER	Chair	2014-01-06
Aneta Mosley		2023-11-28
CHRISTINE GOULD		2014-01-06
Helen Florence Barker		2021-11-23
JOHN DAVID MOSS		2014-01-06
KATHRYN GILSON		2014-01-06
Linda Grooby		2023-11-28
Martin Robert Gilson		2015-12-01

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For Period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	Oct	2024		30	Sept	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

 Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Lower	Chair		
2	Kathryn Gilson	Member		
3	Christine Gould	Well Dressing Secretary		
4	John Moss	Vice-President		
5	Martin Gilson	Treasurer		
6	Helen Barker	Minutes Secretary		
7	Linda Grooby	Secretary		
8	Aneta Mosley	Member		
9				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

Management Committee: Richard Lower, Martin Gilson, Christine Gould, Maureen Kitchen, Charles Kitchen, Helen Barker, Graeme Kitchen, Colin Phillips, Jane Fletcher, Linda Grooby, Aneta Mosley, Mark Stout

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The focus of our activities remains the Well Dressing Festival which takes place in Buxton every July.

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Thank you to everyone.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2025 we have again organised the full range events of the Buxton Well Dressing Festival, although this is becoming more onerous with increasing requirements of regulations and expectations.

- The Well Dressings featured Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring and celebrated Newborough National Nature Reserve on Anglesey.
- In the Pump Room the lion-head fountain commemorated 50 years of Buxton's Billerette dance troupe, and the pupils from Buxton Community School designed and dressed the Children's Well on Spring Gardens.
- The Buxton Well Dressing Festival Queen Layla Haskins was crowned by her mother who had been a past Buxton queen.
- Our Queen and Retinue have won many awards whilst representing Buxton in neighbouring carnivals and events.
- Increased demands from Derbyshire County Council's Emergency Planning and representatives from the emergency services for Buxton's busiest day of the year (Well Dressing Carnival Day) is leading to extra work and costs.
 - The footprint for the funfair was reduced by High Peak Borough Council, so was a smaller event.
 - Emergency Medical cover was stipulated to be required to meet potential demands from 20,000 people that could be in Buxton on the day.
 - An emergency control centre was required to be set-up and manned for the whole day.

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Section E Financial review

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Details of income and expenditure will be reported in detail at our AGM on Wednesday 26th November 2025.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Richard Lower</i>
Full name(s)	Richard Lower
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	9th January 2026

Buxton Well Dressing Festival

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th September 2025

Receipts	Payments
Opening Balances 1st October 2024 Nat West Current Account £14,857.05 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,284.38 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £65,943.23 Cash at hand £95.70 Liabilities £0.00 <hr/> £87,180.36	Well Dressing Festival - Payments (List 2) £19,304.79 Closing Balances 30th September 2025 Nat West Current Account £14,035.06 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,360.86 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £68,785.49 Cash at hand £0.00 Liabilities £0.00 <hr/> £89,181.41

Statement of assets and liabilities at 30th September 2025

Bank balances and cash at hand	£89,181.41
Debtors	£0.00
Liabilities	£0.00

Total Receipts	£21,401.53
Total Payments	£19,304.79
Profit / (Loss) for year ending 30th September 2025	£2,096.74

I have confirmed the bank balances with the supporting bank statements:

Trustees:

Treasurer

Chairman

Scrutineer



Richard Lower



Signed:

8/10/2025

20/10/2025

7/11/2025

Date:

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Thank you to everyone.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2024 we have organised the full range events of the Buxton Well Dressing Festival.

- The Well Dressings celebrated the 200th anniversary of the National Gallery and celebrating the Earth's Biological Diversity.
- In the Pump Room the lion-head fountain commemorated 60 years of Buxton's Mountain Rescue, and the pupils from Buxton Community School designed and dressed the Children's Well on Spring Gardens.
- The Buxton Well Dressing Festival Queen and Rosebud were crowned by Maureen Kitchen who has been involved in all aspects of the festival and, for many years, has dedicated her time organising the Buxton Well Dressing Royalty. This has included arranging events and creating spectacular dresses.
- Our Queen and Retinue have won many awards whilst representing Buxton in neighbouring carnivals and events.
- Last-minute changes had to be coped with this year:
 - Our reservation of St John's Church as a venue for petalling and crowning the queen had to be changed when the church hosted events for Buxton International Festival.
 - Medical cover on Carnival Day had to be adapted to meet demands from Emergency Services.

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Financial review

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Other optional information

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Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Richard Lower

Full name(s)

Richard Lower

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

17 December 2024

Buxton Well Dressing Festival
Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th September 2024

Receipts	Payments
Opening Balances 1st October 2023 Nat West Current Account £14,248.38 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,193.48 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £63,095.83 Cash at hand £0.00 Liabilities £(131.59) £83,406.10	Well Dressing Festival - Payments (List 2) £17,583.58
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Statement of assets and liabilities at 30th September 2024

Bank balances and cash at hand	£85,618.31
Debtors	£0.00
Liabilities	£650.58

Total Receipts	£20,707.26
Total Payments	£17,583.58
Profit / (Loss) for year ending 30th September 2024	£3,123.68

I have confirmed the bank balances with the supporting bank statements:

Trustees:



Treasurer

Chairman


 20th October 2024

Scrutineer


 20-10-2024

Signed:

Date:

BUXTON WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL

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Thank you to everyone.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2023 we have organised the full range events of the Buxton Well Dressing Festival.

- The Well Dressings celebrated the flora and fauna of the Derbyshire Peak District and Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland.
- A dressing was also prepared for the lion-head fountain in the Pump Room, and the Children's Well was again designed a dressed by pupils from Buxton Community School.
- The Buxton Well Dressing Festival Queen and Rosebud were crowned by Netta Christie founder of Discover Buxton and support of local businesses.
- Our Queen and Retinue have won many awards whilst representing Buxton in neighbouring carnivals and events.
- The carnival this year included a group from the Thai Embassy national costume promoting the tourism and culture (kindly arranged by Simply Thai restaurant) and again steam traction engines. These complemented the tremendous floats, puppets and costumes of the many local participants.

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Section E Financial review

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Details of income and expenditure will be reported in detail at our AGM on 28th November 2023.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Richard Lower</i>
Full name(s)	Richard Lower
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	<i>25th March 2024</i>

Buxton Well Dressing Festival

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th September 2023

Receipts	Payments
Opening Balances 1st October 2022 Nat West Current Account £13,810.22 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,132.09 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £61,089.94 Cash at hand £0.00 <hr/> £81,032.25	Well Dressing Festival - Payments (List 2) £15,890.48 Closing Balances 30th September 2023 Nat West Current Account £14,248.38 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,193.48 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £63,095.83 Cash at hand £0.00 Liabilities £(131.59) <hr/> £83,406.10

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Debtors	£0.00
Liabilities	£131.59

Total Receipts	£18,264.33
Total Payments	£15,890.48
Profit / (Loss) for year ending 30th September 2023	£2,373.85

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Trustees:

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Chairman

Scrutineer







Signed:

10th October 2023

10th October 2023

5 November 2023

Date:

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

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- The Well Dressings commemorated Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee and the 100 years anniversary of the discovery of the treasures in the tomb of Tutankhamun.
- A dressing was also prepared for the lion-head fountain in the Pump Room, and the Children's Well was again designed a dressed by pupils from Buxton Community School.
- The Buxton Well Dressing Festival Queen and Rosebud were crowned by Mary Hardy the retiring Mayoress of the High Peak.
- Our Queen and Retinue have won many awards whilst representing Buxton in neighbouring carnivals and events. Also the coach has won awards.
- We were delighted the carnival could return in 2022. It was greeted by large crowds through Buxton. The carnival this year included two steam traction engines adding a new feature to the parade.

Thank you to everyone their hard work.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We endeavour to hold reserves to cover one year's expenses of running the Buxton Well Dressing Festival

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
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- Advertising revenue for our programme
- Fund raising events

We thank everyone for their generous support.

Details of income and expenditure will be reported in detail at our AGM on 22nd November 2022.

Section F

Other optional information

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Richard Lower

Full name(s)

Richard Lower

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23rd November 2022

Buxton Well Dressing Festival

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th September 2022

Receipts		Payments
Opening Balances 1st October 2021		
Nat West Current Account	£5,479.70	
Nat West Business Reserve Account	£6,128.17	
CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account	£67,774.17	
Cash at hand	£328.00	£16,690.11
	<u>£79,710.04</u>	
Interest Nat West Business Reserve Account	£3.92	
Interest CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account	£815.77	
Well Dressing Festival - Receipts (List 1)	£16,422.63	
		Well Dressing Festival - Payments (List 2) Closing Balances 30th September 2022 Nat West Current Account £13,810.22 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,132.09 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £61,089.94 Cash at hand £0.00 Liabilities <u>£(770.00)</u> £80,262.25

Statement of assets and liabilities at 30th September 2022

Bank balances and cash at hand	£79,492.25
Debtors	£325.00
Liabilities	£770.00

Total Receipts	£17,242.32
Total Payments	£16,690.11
Profit / (Loss) for year ending 30th September 2022	£552.21

I have confirmed the bank balances with the supporting bank statements:

Trustees:

Treasurer

Chairman

Scrutineer





Signed:

8th October 2022

10th October 2022

2 Nov 2022

Date:

BUXTON WELL DRESSING FESTIVAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1156707

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	1	Oct	2020	To	30	Sept	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **Buxton Well Dressing Festival**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) **1156707**

Charity's principal address **17 Lansdowne Road**

Buxton

Postcode

SK17 6RR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Richard Lower	Chair		
2	Kathryn Gilson	Member		
3	Christine Gould	Well Dressing Secretary		
4	Sandra Masters	Vice-Chair		
5	John Moss	Vice-President		
6	Duncan Cartlidge	Parade Marshal		
7	Martin Gilson	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
none	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
none		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Management Committee: Richard Lower, Martin Gilson, Christine Gould, Emma Shanks, Sandra Masters, Maureen Kitchen, Duncan Cartlidge, Claire Wood, Charles Kitchen, Helen Barker, Barbara Howe, Graeme Kitchen, Colin Phillips

Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution: last amended at Extraordinary General Meeting on 4 th April 2014
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	A Charitable Incorporated Organisation with voting members other than its charity trustees
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at a General Meeting and re-appointed annually at the AGM held in November or December

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Buxton Well Dressing Festival is a Registered Charity (Charity Number 1156707)

The Buxton Well Dressing Festival is managed by a committee of members that includes trustees.

All trustees, committee members and members give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the arts and advance education for the benefit of the public in Buxton, Derbyshire and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by:

- (1) preserving and promoting the historical tradition of a Well Dressing Festival and
- (2) advancing education in the historical tradition and craft of well dressing, particularly but not exclusively, through the provision of workshops, exhibitions and demonstrations.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The focus of our activities remains the Well Dressing Festival which takes place in Buxton every July.

This includes the preservation of the historical tradition of a Well Dressing Festival in Buxton which began in 1840.

The festival includes:

- The annual dressing of the floral boards. This includes the engagement with students from Buxton Community School who design and dress their own floral boards.
- The blessing ceremony, where local dignitaries, clergy and town's people process through the town blessing each well dressing and giving thanks for the provision of water.
- The selection and crowning of a Well Dressing Queen and Retinue. The Well Dressing Queen and Retinue represent Buxton at events in Buxton and the surrounding region.
- A carnival parade around the streets of Buxton, creating a day of celebration in the town supported and enjoyed by many organisations, individuals and businesses.
- A fun fair on Buxton Market Place for the entertainment of the people of Buxton and the surrounding area.
- Other events and competitions.

Details and information can be found on our website:
www.buxtonwelldressing.co.uk

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

A great contribution is made by member volunteers and other volunteers from Buxton.

We are grateful for the many hours volunteers have spent working to make the Buxton Well Dressing Festival a success. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to maintain our traditional festival.

We are also grateful for the financial contribution made by donation, sponsorship and grants that allows the costs of staging the festival events to be met.

Thank you to everyone.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2021 we have been able to organise some activities, but these have been limited due to the changing restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. (The COVID-19 pandemic led to complete cancellation of the festival in 2020.)

The desire to keep Buxton's time-honoured celebration of Well Dressing alive drove us to find a way to keep some of the 180-year-old tradition alive in 2021.

The selection and crowning of a Buxton Well Dressing Queen took place, but the events were carried out in a low-key manner in line with COVID-19 guidelines. The queen has gone on to represent Buxton around Derbyshire.

Later than usual in the year (September) one Well Dressing was completed at St Ann's Well. Only one well was dressed to minimise the need for people to spend time in close contact and maintain social distancing. The Well Dressing was met with admiration and appreciation. The design celebrating Buxton and the Peak District gained much praise from the public.

The carnival and funfair were cancelled again this year.

Thank you to everyone their hard work through this, second, difficult year.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	
Full name(s)	Richard Lower
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair
Date	23-11-2021

Buxton Well Dressing Festival

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 30th September 2021

Receipts	Payments
Opening Balances 1st October 2020 Nat West Current Account £4,525.26 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,127.55 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £72,046.49 Cash at hand £20.00 £82,719.30	Well Dressing Festival - Payments (List 2) £4,868.04
Interest Nat West Business Reserve Account £0.62 Interest CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £727.68 Well Dressing Festival - Receipts (List 1) £1,130.48	Closing Balances 30th September 2021 Nat West Current Account £5,479.70 Nat West Business Reserve Account £6,128.17 CC Bank 120 Day Notice Account £67,774.17 Cash at hand £328.00 £79,710.04

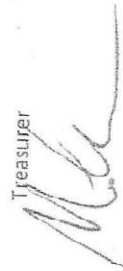
Statement of assets and liabilities at 30th September 2021

Bank balances and cash at hand	£79,710.04
Debtors	£0.00
Liabilities	£0.00

Total Receipts	£1,858.78
Total Payments	£4,868.04
Profit / (Loss) for year ending 30th September 2021	£(3,009.26)

I have confirmed the bank balances with the supporting bank statements:

Trustees:


Treasurer

Chairman


Chairman

Scrutineer


Scrutineer

11th October 2021

14th October 2021

19 October 2021

Signed:

Date:

Buxton Well Dressing Festival
Receipts & Expenditure for the year ending 30th September 2021

List 1 - Income

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Collection tins, donations at wells, carnival stalls & parade, carnival street collection and collection tins in commercial premises	1,010	23	7,733	6,987	5,977
Donations - corporate, including grants	0	1,283	3,532	4,384	3,855
Programme adverts	0	205	2,670	3,350	3,545
Donations - bequests	0	35,390	0	800	1,800
Events, other than Festival / carnival	61	244	705	1,012	1,714
Donations - individuals and local societies	60	55	805	309	1,110
Merchandise including programme sales	0	0	1,112	864	1,048
Bank interest	728	631	474	458	406
Raffles	0	20	516	344	379
Adjustments, other	0	0	75	182	
	1,859	37,850	17,622	18,590	19,834

List 2 - Expenditure

Printing, including flyers, raffle tickets and programmes; signage	(390)	(221)	(3,005)	(2,891)	(4,370)
Carnival and Blessing ceremony performers	(0)	(0)	(1,730)	(2,560)	(2,840)
Other costs of staging events	(120)	(35)	(1,431)	(2,073)	(2,621)
Well dressings, flowers, board maintenance	(487)	(17)	(1,271)	(797)	(2,265)
Royalty costumes & accessories	(1,347)	(0)	(1,675)	(1,431)	(1,980)
Use of facilities, equipment hire, storage, St John Ambulance insurance	(780)	(1,044)	(3,869)	(3,980)	(1,791)
Charity partners	(1,533)	(1,533)	(1,533)	(1,646)	(1,650)
Admin costs, stationery, membership fees, licences, advertising	(0)	(0)	(1,296)	(2,094)	(1,216)
	(211)	(241)	(508)	(899)	(364)
	(4,868)	(3,091)	(16,318)	(18,371)	(19,097)