



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From 16 November 2023**  
**To 15 November 2024**

**Period start date**  
**Period end date**

**Charity name: The Friends of Storey Arms**

**Charity registration number: 1159829**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of students from Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan attending Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre, by supporting the work and development of the centre through: 1. Providing financial assistance to individuals and groups from Cardiff and the Vale, where charges are prohibitive 2. Assisting in the provision of facilities and equipment
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The Trustees have, for the public benefit, carried out the following activities during the 2023/24 period: 1) Held an AGM in March 2024 (online to help with attendance levels) covering the following: a) review of FSA activities b) report from Head of Centre (Storey Arms) c) financial report d) election of officers e) any other business
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance on public benefit.

**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>There has been no need to amend the Grant Giving Policy which remains in place as follows:</p> <p><b>Priorities for support</b></p> <p>The number of individuals and groups which can be supported is, of necessity, limited to the amount of funds available for distribution in any year. The Trustees have determined that the priorities for funding over the next years will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools serving socially deprived communities (Informed by school %FSM &amp; WIMD).</li> <li>• Assisting children and young people in attending centre for whom the charges may be prohibitive.</li> </ul> <p><b>Principles</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grants are given in the form of subsidies to groups on the fees charged by Storey Arms.</li> <li>• Only groups of young people from Cardiff or the Vale of Glamorgan are eligible for subsidies.</li> <li>• Maximum amount for any one individual is the full course fee.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grant application process</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidies are offered at the point of enquiry about a booking, through discussion with the Head of Centre.</li> <li>• Where a subsidy is granted the booking letter has the statement “with support from the Friends of Storey Arms” included in it.</li> <li>• The trustees are happy to receive requests in writing.</li> </ul>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Trustees are aware that they need to recruit more volunteers to join the Committee and to re-start our fund-raising efforts following the pandemic.</p> <p>The current Honorary Secretary is a volunteer and we thank her for her time and commitment.</p>
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Due to additional funding received from elsewhere, there was no request from the Head of Centre for funds to assist attending pupils and schools.</p> <p>The sale of neck scarves continued to prove very popular amongst visitors, bringing in additional funds.</p> <p>Funds have been made available for equipment for the centre this year.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Once again, we set new objectives at the AGM for holding one or two events for fundraising and for social enjoyment, to re-establish the work of the charity.</p> <p>Unfortunately, due to the other commitments of the Trustees and Committee, these did not happen.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A see above
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>An increase in Member and miscellaneous donations and neck scarves sales, led to a much healthier level of income for this financial year. (See Additional Information section for details.)</p> <p>Expenditure was less than last year, without the new purchase of neck scarves, meaning that we made a profit on the year.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Discussion of our Reserves policy is included in each General Meeting, when we look at income and expenditure for the period, allowing scrutiny on a regular basis.</p> <p>A major donation that we received a number of years ago, was given for the use of student assistance and forms the major part of our reserves.</p> <p>Grant making demands are fluid each year and requests are granted/denied based on our account balance at the time.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Account balance at 15/11/2024 is £46,523.59
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>With the lack of available time for Trustees and previous volunteers to put towards fundraising, there has been no funds raised by the charity this year.</p> <p>However, we did receive a donation from a supporter who raised money on our behalf through a sponsored hill walk. She used our online donation platform to create a fund-raising page. This is something that we will be promoting to other supporters.</p> <p>Regular member donations were up on last year but still need to be increased.</p>
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		<p>Our neck scarf sales were very healthy this year (but the income also includes some monies from the previous year that hadn't been banked).</p> <p>We are very aware that our income is very 'passive' and comes in without any effort from us. This is something that we are addressing and we are planning a joint fund-raising venture with a partner organisation. This will be happening in the coming year.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Changes in personnel within Cardiff Council (owner/operator of the Storey Arms Centre), have resulted in a different working relationship between the centre and the Council. Early indications suggest that the previous funding support that was in place will no longer be available. This means that the Head of Centre will, once again, be asking the charity for financial assistance for schools and groups, in line with our grant making policy.</p> <p>With the continuing legacy of the pandemic on a personal level for our Trustees and previous volunteers, it is not realistic to rely on the same few people to organise fund-raising activities.</p> <p>We need to commit to a recruitment drive to get people involved again on a practical level.</p> <p>We will continue to look at the opportunities for applying to other grant-making bodies for direct funding which may help in the short term.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by General or Annual General Meeting – nomination and vote  Appointment of incumbent Head of Centre of the Storey Arms Centre as Ex-Officio Trustee

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	On a rolling programme two of the official posts (Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary) are due for selection/reselection each year at AGM.  Appointees do not automatically become a Trustee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		Andy Meek retired from his position as Head of Centre of the Storey Arms Centre at the end of March 2024. As such he stepped down as our ex-officio Trustee on 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024.  It was agreed by the Trustees at a meeting (11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024) that Andy should be invited as a full Trustee; he accepted the invitation.  The new Head of Centre, Ryan Stamp, was invited to be the new ex-officio Trustee, which he accepted and the Charity Commission was informed.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Friends of Storey Arms
Other name the charity uses	FSA (used internally as a working title)
Registered charity number	1159829
Charity's principal address	The Secretary The Friends of Storey Arms Storey Arms Outdoor Education Centre Libanus BRECON LD3 8NL

### **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	Aled Morgan	Chair		
2	Sarah Griffiths	Vice Chair		
3	Carolyn Cummings	Treasurer		
4	Lawrence Conway			
5	David Ludlam			
6	Rachel Meek			
7	Sally Thomas			
8	Andrew Meek	Ex-Officio Trustee	16/11/23 – 31/03/24	
		Full Trustee	01/04/24 – to date	
9	Ryan Stamp	Ex-Officio Trustee	01/04/24 – to date	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## **Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

## **Additional information (optional)**

### **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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## **Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## **Other optional information**

Current Secretary is Claire Beasley – not a Trustee
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Sarah Griffiths	David Ludlam
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Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Vice Chair	Trustee
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Date

12/09/25
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Charity Name <b>FRIENDS OF STOREY ARMS</b>	No (if any) <b>1159829</b>
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## Receipts and payments accounts



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For the period from	Period start date 16/11/2023	To	Period end date 15/11/2024
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership donations	119	-	-	119	50
Sales of branded goods	1,792	-	-	1,792	-
Gift Aid	55	-	-	55	11
Miscellaneous donations	350	-	-	350	-
Event Income (Supporter)	223	-	-	223	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,539</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Finance (online giving platform)	288	-	-	288	288
Insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment purchases for Storey Arms	429	-	-	429	-
Services for Storey Arms (landscaping/ plumbing work)	-	-	-	-	-
Promotion (materials / web hosting)	270	-	-	270	1,014
Grant Funding	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Trustee retirement gift/meal	-	-	-	-	193
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1,495</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>1,495</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>- 1,434</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>44,971</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,971</b>	<b>46,405</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>46,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>46,523</b>	<b>44,971</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Business account	46,523	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>46,523</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		CAROLYN CUMMINGS	3/9/2025	
		DAVE LUDLAM	08/09/25	