

THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1162580

Details

Status Registered

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Registered 2015-07-08

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Activities

Objects: TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE, THROUGH LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO ATTEND RESIDENTIAL SUMMER CAMPS, SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR CAPABILITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

Activities: The Trust's mission is to promote and encourage the development of well-run residential summer camps in the UK, so that many more British children and young people can take part in summer camps and by spending time in happy communities in the context of a good holiday benefit their self-confidence, social skills, creativity and positive attitudes, as well as making them happier.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Amateur Sport, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-09-30	£38,443	£39,729	-	-
2023-09-30	£38,444	£39,729	-	-
2022-09-30	£35,163	£40,561	-	-
2021-09-30	£62,290	£54,968	-	-
2020-09-30	£13,854	£26,636	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
IAN FREDERICK LEWIS	Chair	2015-07-09
Baron Michael John Storey		2021-04-30
Chloe UPRIGHT		2025-10-01
David Andrew CRANE		2024-01-09
Louisa Catherine Cravero		2023-05-16
MALCOLM TROBE CBE		2018-09-27
MR CHRIS GREEN MA, MBE		2015-02-26
Nicky Bandini		2019-09-16
Scott TAYLOR		2025-01-01

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The Summer Camps Trust - Annual Report 2023-2024.

1. The year 2023 – 24 was a difficult one for the Trust, in that recruitment for the leader training course in April and for the two TryOut Camps in August was poor, and both these sessions ended up showing financial deficits. Fortunately fundraising during the year was good, so the overall loss on the year was manageable. It is however worrying that recruitment for residential sessions has not got back to anywhere near its pre-Covid level. This problem is not only affecting the Trust, but other providers of similar sessions.
2. The leader training week and both the TryOut Camps were held at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre on the Herefordshire – Wales border. The centre worked very well, and the training week was outstandingly successful. The first of the August camps also went extremely well. The second, which only comprised 15 children, was a less easy session, with an unusual number of challenging children; however an excellent staff team worked very hard to mitigate the problems and make it a successful week in the end.
3. We were pleased to welcome a number of visitors to the training week and the camps, among them representatives from UK Youth and The Woodcraft Folk, also the civil servant in the Department for Education who is in charge of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programmes. UK Youth and The Woodcraft Folk signed up during the year as new subscribing members of the Trust (as did Black2Nature and Volley Ball Development Camps). The HAF Programme are interested in collaborating with the Trust to set up pilot residential sessions with a couple of LEAs as part of their HAF provision.
4. Porthpean Outdoor Centre in Cornwall decided to set up some summer camps in summer 2024, and enlisted the help of the Trust. We provided some training, and a director and three leaders to go and help on the ground. Their first year's sessions were not well booked but highly successful, and Porthpean is set to continue with offering residential camps in 2025. They have also signed up as a subscribing member of the Trust.
5. The Trust continues its main objective of lobbying for government and / or other official support for a proper national system of well-run residential summer camps in the UK. In particular we have concentrated on the incoming Labour ministers, both since the election and before while they were shadow ministers. The work done in this regard during 2023-24 has led to some promising conversations in the 2024-25 year.
6. Keith Hagon, the CEO of the Christian Residential Network, who has been a helpful Trustee of the Trust since its inception, resigned during the year. Dave Crane, his

very able successor, has taken over the Trustee role. Tricia Rawlingson-Plant also stood down as the Trustee representing the “commercial sector”. Her successor is Kate Cravero, who has worked in the French “colonies de vacances” system, and is now director of operations at Mill On The Brue. Finally, Hannah Peart stood down as the Trustee representing current volunteer staff, and she has been replaced by Scott Taylor.

7. Trustees met three times during the year, on January 11th , May 10th and September 11th. The May meeting was face to face in London. The other two meetings were via Zoom.
8. The Trust was sad that Lord David Ramsbotham, who had been our President since the start, died in the autumn of 2023 following a fall. Tributes were paid to all the help he had given the Trust over the years. We are delighted that our new President is Baroness Estelle Morris, Secretary of State for Education the Labour government of 2005 - 2010.

The Summer Camps Trust

Sheet 1

Registered Charity no. 1162580

Annual accounts for the 12 months to September 30th 2024

Section A : Statement of Financial activities

	12 mths to 30/09/2024	12 mths to 30/09/2023
	£	£
INCOME RECEIVED		
Subscriptions from members	1,400.00	1,150.00
Donations	5,907.42	10,637.23
Try out Camps	18,774.86	23,782.15
Volunteer leader training	0.00	2,495.85
Book sales	208.13	105.14
Other	585.00	273.27
	26,875.41	38,443.64
EXPENDITURE		
Central Administration	1,473.59	950.79
Salary and on costs	5,908.00	3,906.00
Insurances	609.63	609.63
Advertising cost including website	270.00	2,408.00
Book costs	66.00	34.00
TryOut camps	23,843.28	24,156.48
Volunteer leader training	0.00	7,664.31
	32,170.50	39,729.21
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-5,295.09	-1,285.57
Total funds brought forward	814.04	2,099.61
Total funds carried forward	-4,481.05	814.04

Section B : Balance sheet

	30/09/2024	30/09/2023
	£	£
Stock	6,460.00	6,526.00
Trade Debtors	0.00	2,300.52
Cash at Bank	1,288.10	1,828.82
Total current Assets	7,748.10	10,655.34
Trade creditors and accruals	-3,886.87	-1,559.02
Deposits held	-60.00	0.00
Loan	-8,282.28	-8,282.28
Net Assets	-4,481.05	814.04

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Summer Camps Trust

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30/09/2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1162580

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**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

J Blakiston

Date:

13/6/25

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John Blakiston

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Disclosure

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The Summer Camps Trust Annual Report October 1st 2022 to September 30th 2023.

1. The Summer Camps Trust was sad to learn that our President, Lord David Ramsbotham had died at the end of 2022 following a fall. Trustees expressed their gratitude to David for the unfailing support and interest he maintained towards our work over the first six years of our existence, in the role of President. Trustees are delighted that Baroness Estelle Morris has agreed to become the Trust's new President. Estelle has expressed her intention to visit one camp or leader training week each year while she is President.
2. Tricia Rawingson-Plant and Sir Julian Brazier both stood down as Trustees during the year. Tricia's replacement as Trustee representing the commercial sector is Kate Cravero, who was previously involved in the French colonies de vacances sector and now works for Mill on the Brue in Somerset. A replacement for Sir Julian, as the Trustee with Conservative party connections is being sought.
3. Trustees met three times during the year, on January 24th via Zoom, on May 16th face to face in London, and on September 14th, again via Zoom. In addition, a Working Party of Trustees and other interested people took place at The House of Lords on November 24th, arranged through the good offices of Lord Mike Storey.
4. A great deal of attention has been paid during the year to the best ways of securing a bright future for the Trust and for the idea of many more well-run residential summer camps in the UK. Thanks to the continuing generosity of The Huxley Trust, the document "Enriching Lives – The Case for Summer Camps" has been updated and given a thorough makeover by Wodehouse Communications of Manchester. This has been used to lobby government and shadow ministers. A bid to the new UK Lottery Fund, which is looking to fund organisations with ideas to "improve or add to the infrastructure of Britain" so benefiting target groups, including children and young people, will be made during 2024. This bid will seek proper funding for an initial five year period to put the Trust and its work on a more professional basis. All of this was in preparation during 2022-23, and will be submitted during 2024. A draft Strategic Plan was approved in January 2023 and was still being worked on at the end of the year.
5. The SCT website has also been given a major makeover and upgrade by Wodehouse.
6. During 2022-23 one Training Week for young adult leaders was run in July. Fifteen new leaders were trained. The course was run by Mrs. Helen Fairest, the Trust's Training Officer.
7. Some seventy children took part in TryOut Camps during the summer of 2023. Twenty of these attended camps run by Learn&Experience at Aysgarth in North

Yorkshire, sixteen attended camps by by ATE Superweeks, and the rest took part in the Campaign for Adventure TryOut Camp at Longtown in Herefordshire. All these camps were successful, and the feedback from parents and children was most encouraging.

8. The Trust was delighted that Camp Crusoe, which had been set up with the help of The Summer Camps Trust, ran four successful weeks in 2023, catering for a total of some 250 children.
9. The Trust has made an approach to the large number of Outdoor Education Centres which exist in the UK, through the good offices of AHOEC, their federating body, to see whether there are centres that are underused or even empty during school holidays and which might be amenable to the idea of a summer camp organiser taking over the premises for three or four weeks at a rental well below their peak season charges. Some thirty centres have expressed interest, and the Trust hopes this may provide opportunities to offer good summer camps at a price which will enable many more parents to sign up.
10. Financially, the Trust continues to remain solvent but to find things difficult. Thanks to some generous donors the results for 2022-23 were about break-even. There is no doubt that if real progress is to be made accessing serious funding will be needed.

Christopher Green, MBE (Co-ordinator) April 2024.

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Subscriptions from members	1,150.00	1,050.00
Donations	10,637.23	4,671.16
Try out Camps	23,782.15	25,699.13
Volunteer leader training	2,495.85	3,629.93
School Activity days income	0.00	0.00
Book sales	105.14	112.61
Other	273.27	
	38,443.64	35,162.83
EXPENDITURE		
Central Administration	950.79	976.04
Salary and on costs	3,906.00	2,150.00
Insurances	609.63	573.88
Advertising cost including website	2,408.00	1,013.02
Book costs	34.00	66.00
School days activity costs	0.00	0.00
Membership fees	0.00	90.00
TryOut camps	24,156.48	25,531.42
Volunteer leader training	7,664.31	9,555.26
Other	0.00	605.00
	39,729.21	40,560.62
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-1,285.57	-5,397.79
Total funds brought forward	2,099.61	7,497.40
Total funds carried forward	814.04	2,099.61

Section B : Balance sheet

	30/09/2023	30/09/2022
	£	£
Stock	6,526.00	6,560.00
Trade Debtors	2,300.52	350.00
Cash at Bank	1,828.82	10,986.84
Total current Assets	10,655.34	17,896.84
Trade creditors	-1,559.02	-7,514.95
Deposits held	0.00	0.00
Loan	-8,282.28	-8,282.28
Net Assets	814.04	2,099.61



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12/4/24

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Annual Report of Trustees 2021 - 2022

1. The year October 1st 2021 to September 30th 2022 has seen a return to more normal activities following the Covid years.
2. Trustees met three times during the year, in January, May and September, on all three occasions via Zoom. Meetings in this format attracted a better attendance, and enabled more of the SCT member organisations to send representatives. The body of Trustees was unchanged during the year.
3. The Trust continued to lobby government and officialdom on behalf of well-run residential summer camps, in the belief that the fun and many benefits summer camps can offer children aged 9 to 15 have never been more needed than they are at present. A positive meeting was held with civil servants from the DfE education beyond the classroom team, and one of those involved visited the training week for young adult leaders held in July.
4. The Trust also again promoted a programme of TryOut Camps, at an artificially low cost, aimed only at children who had never yet attended any kind of summer camp. The Trust is grateful to ATE Superweeks, to Camp Crusoe, and to Learn & Experience Ltd., for making places available to "TryOut children" in their programmes, and to the Campaign for Adventure for running a TryOut Camp at the Longtown Outdoor Adventure Centre in Herefordshire. A total of around 100 9 to 15 year-olds attended TryOut Camps.
5. In addition the Trust ran two seven-day training weeks for would-be summer camp leaders, one in April and one in July. Both were held in outdoor residential centres in or near Malvern. A total of 50 young adults were trained in these courses, and nearly all of them went on to work successfully with groups of children in summer camps.
6. A very successful residential weekend meeting for leaders was held in March. This was attended by some 20 leaders. This included discussions on what people had learned from their experiences in the 2021 camps, and on where the Trust should go in the future, etc., as well as sessions of new ideas for activities, notably how to make the best environmental use of the immediate surroundings of a summer camp. Such weekends enable leaders to keep in touch with each other and to remain enthusiastic for working in summer camps.

7. The Trust had disappointing financial results this year. The two training weeks, despite a kind donation from the Huxley Trust to support training, ended up showing a substantial deficit, and poor recruitment for the Longtown TryOut Camp meant that this also showed a loss. Due to good reserves carried forward from the previous year the Trust was able to survive these problems and still had some £5,000 in the bank to start the 2022-23 year.
8. The Trust was not able to build on the success of its two-day input to a Coventry Academy summer school in 2021. Approaches were made to schools offering help with any planned summer schools, but fewer schools seemed interested in rolling out such events this year.
9. Useful contacts have been made with the All Party Parliamentary Group on a Fit and Healthy Childhood. The Co-ordinator attended one such meeting in person and spoke about summer camps.
10. The Trust will continue its efforts to persuade government and officialdom of the many benefits a proper national summer camps sector would offer our children and young adults. It will do all it can to have the right people and the right structures in place for a time when official support is finally achieved.

Chris Green, M.A., MBE, Co-ordinator.

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Volunteer leader training	3,629.93	2,984.05
School Activity days income	0.00	10,000.00
Book sales	112.61	432.34
	35,162.83	62,290.19
EXPENDITURE		
Central Administration	976.04	445.34
Salary and on costs	2,150.00	8,130.73
Insurances	573.88	523.88
Advertising cost including website	1,013.02	843.82
Book costs	66.00	801.00
School days activity costs	0.00	1,822.37
Membership fees	90.00	0.00
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Trade creditors	-7,514.95	-11,672.05
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Summer Camps Trust Trustees' meeting 20.1.2022.

Appendix B - Draft Annual Report (for the years 2020 and 2021).

1. This report covers the two years 2020 and 2021, i.e. largely the "Covid years".
2. The Trust (in common with many other organisations doing similar work) has found these two years difficult. In 2020 no courses or camps were able to take place due to Covid regulations. During 2021 dates of courses had to be changed several times to comply with changing guidelines. In addition income was reduced since the Trust remitted membership subscriptions for both years, to help member organisations who were also having a difficult time.
3. So far as was possible the Trust has continued its work of raising the profile of well-run residential summer camps and finding ways in which many more UK-based children and young adults could experience the fun and benefits of summer camps. During the initial period of lockdown the Trust published "The Summer Camps Trust Book of Things to Do", and put a selection of the activities from the book on its website to be downloaded free by parents looking for screen-free activities for their children. Some 500 copies of the book have been sold, and there have been a good number of hits on the relevant part of the website. It is hoped that this exercise may have stimulated interest in summer camps and their unique repertoire of screen-free activities.
4. The Trust has continued to lobby government and to argue that well-run summer camps could play a crucial role in helping the nation's children recover their equilibrium after Covid. We also argue constantly that an opportunity to escape from the world of mobile phones and social media into some "real childhood" has never been more needed. There has been some interest from both the Department for Education and the DCMS, but as yet no breakthroughs into significant government help with building up a proper British summer camps sector.
5. The Trust has employed a Development Officer over a large part of the period covered by this report. Jeremy Quarrie has worked for the Trust half-time for about a year and then one day a week. He has done excellent work in building a relationship with The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, and has managed the Trust's website and social media.
6. It was finally possible to offer a programme of leader training and TryOut Camps in the summer of 2021. Forty five young adults took part in seven-day volunteer leader training weeks, and 120 children took part in two TryOut Camps. The TryOut Camp experiment, which had started in 2019, is an attempt to interest more parents in giving residential summer camps a try for their children, by offering one-off camps at a very low price. It is hard to evaluate the success of this idea yet, though a number of the children who took part in 2019 TryOut Camps did book again (at the economic price) for 2021.
7. The volunteer leaders trained in 2021 were an impressive group of young people, who did good work in the TryOut Camps and other camps during

August. Most are keen to continue with summer camps, and it is encouraging to see the start of a group of young adults committed to the work of the Trust and willing to help with enthusiasm and flare.

8. The Summer Camps Trust was invited, at the end of August 2021, to deliver two days of screen-free activities at a summer school being run by a large Academy in Coventry for Year 6 pupils about to enter the school. A team of ten summer camp leaders looked after 200 11 year-olds for two days, delivering a varied programme of activities, some semi-educational and some just for fun. The school commented afterwards how well the young volunteer leaders had related to the children, how enjoyable the programme had been, and how unique the repertoire of activities on offer was. There could well be demand over the next few years to provide similar inputs to school-based summer schools, and it could be to the Trust's advantage to deliver more such sessions, provided ways can be found of making such projects helpful to our main aims.
9. The Trustees have held five meetings over the period of this report, all but the first one via Zoom. Zoom meetings have also enabled more member representatives to take part in the meetings.
10. Ben Harris, Megan Saunders-Smith and Sir Bob Russell have resigned as Trustees during this period. The following new Trustees have been appointed: Nicky Bandini, a journalist, to help with the press and media side of the work, Mya-Rose (Birdgirl) Craig, to reinforce our connections with the natural world and with reaching out to children from VME backgrounds, and Lord Mike Storey, the LibDem Education spokesman in the House of Lords.
11. The Trust will continue to work towards giving many more UK-based children and young people the experience of happy community living in good summer camps, and sharing the unique repertoire of games, handicrafts, puzzles, songs and outdoor activities found in summer camps to the benefit of children, parents, schools and the nation in general.

Christopher Green (Co-ordinator The Summer Camps Trust) January 2022.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30/09/2021 Charity no (if any) 1162580

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[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: J Blawiston

Date: 24/2/22

Name: JOHN BLAWISTON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

ACA, ACMA (Member in Practice)

(if any):

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Address:

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Section B

Disclosure

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

The Summer Camps Trust

Sheet 1

Registered Charity no. 1162580

Annual accounts for the 12 months to September 30th 2021

Section A : Statement of Financial activities

	12 mths to 30/09/2021 £	11 mths to 30/09/2020 £
INCOME RECEIVED		
Subscriptions from members	100.00	2,250.00
Donations	9,066.10	9,845.59
Try out Camps	39,707.70	165.15
Volunteer leader training	2,984.05	0.00
School Activity days income	10,000.00	
Book sales	432.34	1,593.51
	62,290.19	13,854.25
EXPENDITURE		
Central Administration	445.34	575.67
Salary and on costs	8,130.73	18,015.30
Insurances	523.88	523.88
Advertising cost including website	843.82	2,734.59
Book costs	801.00	855.28
School days activity costs	1,822.37	
Membership fees	0.00	188.00
TryOut camps	35,674.73	3,744.27
Volunteer leader training	6,477.00	0.00
Other	249.17	
	54,968.04	26,636.99
Net Income/(Expenditure)	7,322.15	-12,782.74
Total funds brought forward	175.25	12,957.99
Total funds carried forward	7,497.40	175.25

Section B : Balance sheet

	30/09/2021 £	30/09/2020 £
Stock	6,626.00	7,427.00
Trade Debtors	10,032.61	
Cash at Bank	10,993.12	2,561.94
Total current Assets	27,651.73	9,988.94
Trade creditors	-11,672.05	-881.41
Deposits held	-200.00	-650.00
Loan	-8,282.28	-8,282.28
Net Assets	7,497.40	175.25

J Bluba



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

On accounts for the year ended

30/09/2021 Charity no (if any) 1162580

Set out on pages

SHEET 1 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 09 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

England & Wales - Charity number 1162580

Accounts

THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

Annual Report of Trustees for the period April 2019 to September 2020.



1. This Report covers an eighteen month period from April 1st 2019 to September 30th 2020. This is because the Trust has changed its financial year from April- March to October-September and Trustees decided there should be an extra interim six-month financial year in 2019 to achieve the change.
2. This change of financial year was necessary since the Trust was starting to run and promote events for children and young people, and the income and expenditure pattern of these events fitted better with a financial year which matched the academic year.
3. During this 18-month period the Trust has run training and promoted summer camps itself for the first time. The latter part of it has included a frustrating period of Covid restrictions.
4. Two new Trustees have been appointed to the Board during this period: Nicky BANDINI, who is a journalist, and Mya-Rose CRAIG (known as “Birdgirl”) who is an environmentalist.
5. Trustees met in person on May 24th 2019, September 16th 2019, and January 13th 2020, all at the NCS offices, Kensington Village, London W14. They also met via Zoom on May 18th 2020.
6. At the start of the academic year 2018-19 the Trust had decided to experiment with promoting “TryOut Camps”, aimed exclusively at children resident in Britain who had never previously attended any kind of summer camp. The price of these camps was fixed at an attractive £245 to include accompanied travel. Offering these camps also meant the Trust needed to start running training weeks for young adults to work as volunteer leaders.
7. A successful first residential training week was run at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre, Herefordshire, from April 15th to 22nd 2019, for fifteen trainees, with three instructors.
8. Recruitment for the TryOut Camps proved difficult, but in the end two camps were run by Camp Crusoe on behalf of the Trust. Both were at Longtown Outdoor Education Centre in Herefordshire. The first ran from August 15th to 22nd and included 20 children looked after by four volunteer leaders. The second ran from August 23rd to 30th, and again included 20 children with four leaders. An accompanied travel system was organised for both camps
9. Of the forty children involved fourteen were from poorer backgrounds and were offered places at subsidised rates. These were funded by a donation from the Community Lottery Fund.
10. Both camps were thoroughly successful, and the Trust is most grateful to Camp Crusoe for agreeing to deliver them. The object was to give children a taste of what summer camps can offer, in the hope that in subsequent years they would wish to return and book for more realistically priced camps. This looked as though it was working, since a number of parents expressed interest in booking for Camp Crusoe’s non-TryOut Camps in 2020, though sadly these were unable to take place in the event due to Covid restrictions.
11. A programme of TryOut Camps and training weeks was prepared for 2020, and in the first two months of booking applications were coming in well. Then Covid hit, and everything for 2020 had to be cancelled. All the deposits paid were refunded in full. Since brochures were already printed and publicity had been done this cancellation was costly for the Trust.
12. In the autumn of 2019 the Trust had appointed a Development officer to work initially half-time. This appointment enabled much more publicity to be done for the proposed 2020 events, and the new D.O. also took over many parts of the administrative work, notably the website and social media. Sadly, he was not successful in raising any significant money for the Trust, though fundraising was an important part of his role, and he worked hard at it. Most grant giving Trusts ceased making any donations or grants during Covid.
13. In order to help parents stuck at home with their children during lockdown, the Trust decided to publish “The Summer Camps Trust Book of Things to Do”, and to put up fifty selected activities

from it on the website, to be downloaded free by parents who would find them useful. This initiative attracted a good number of parents to the website, and it is hoped a number of them may decide to book summer camps once the pandemic is over. Some 250 books were sold.

14. The Trust spent some of the time during lockdown preparing for a better future. The training weeks for volunteer leaders are now recognised by The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme as recommended residential weeks for the Gold Award. A submission to government was also prepared, asking for start-up funding to allow the employment of a new CEO and the establishment of a proper office / headquarters. This submission will be sent in when the time seems most appropriate.
15. The Trust has suffered from the pandemic, though nowhere near as badly as some Trust members who have large buildings to run and staff to pay. Trustees are desperately sorry for those members who are seeing their whole business threatened by being unable to run any residential activity. The Trust has not asked members for their annual subscriptions during the Covid period.
16. The experience of Covid has, on the other hand, maybe presented an opportunity for many more good summer camps to attract higher numbers of children. The need to run about in green fields, to play and laugh with friends, to make new friends, to spend a week right away from screens or tablets, and to run about being active has been highlighted during the Covid period. The Summer Camps Trust will continue to argue that a proper national system of well-run residential summer camps, as exists in many other countries, has a great deal to offer our country in the 2020s.

Chris Green, MA, MBE, Co-ordinator The Summer Camps Trust.

Registered Charity no. 1162580

Annual accounts for the 11 months to September 30th 2020

Section A : Statement of Financial activities

	11 mths to 30/09/2020	7 mths to 30/10/2019
	£	£
INCOME RECEIVED		
Subscriptions from members	2,250.00	1,000.00
Donations	9,845.59	9,050.00
Try out Camps	165.15	14,463.70
Volunteer leader training	0.00	395.05
Book sales	1,593.51	
	13,854.25	24,908.75
EXPENDITURE		
Central Administration	575.67	401.97
Salary and on costs	18,015.30	
Insurances	523.88	
Advertising cost including website	2,734.59	500.00
Book costs	855.28	
Membership fees	188.00	
TryOut camps	3,744.27	14,746.10
Volunteer leader training	0.00	1,803.00
	26,636.99	17,451.07
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-12,782.74	7,457.68
Total funds brought forward	12,957.99	5,500.31
Total funds carried forward	175.25	12,957.99

Section B : Balance sheet

	30/09/2020	30/10/2019
	£	£
Stock	7,427.00	0.00
Cash at Bank	2,561.94	12,957.99
Total current Assets	9,988.94	12,957.99
Accruals	-881.41	0.00
Deposits held	-650.00	
Loan	-8,282.28	
Net Assets	175.25	12,957.99

Signed



John Blakiston ACA, ACMA, Honorary auditor

15/02/2021