

THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

Registered Charity no.1162580

President: Lord David Ramsbotham GCB

Chair: Ian Lewis FRSA

Co-ordinator: Chris Green MBE



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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Annual accounts for the 12 months to September 30th 2022

Section A : Statement of Financial activities

	12 mths to 30/09/2022 £	12 mths to 30/09/2021 £
INCOME RECEIVED		
Subscriptions from members	1,050.00	100.00
Donations	4,671.16	9,066.10
Try out Camps	25,699.13	39,707.70
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
TryOut camps	25,531.42	35,674.73
Volunteer leader training	9,555.26	6,477.00
Other	605.00	249.17
	40,560.62	54,968.04
Net Income/(Expenditure)	-5,397.79	7,322.15
Total funds brought forward	7,497.40	175.25
Total funds carried forward	2,099.61	7,497.40

Section B : Balance sheet

	30/09/2022 £	30/09/2021 £
Stock	6,560.00	6,626.00
Trade Debtors	350.00	10,032.61
Cash at Bank	10,986.84	10,993.12
Total current Assets	17,896.84	27,651.73
Trade creditors	-7,514.95	-11,672.05
Deposits held	0.00	-200.00
Loan	-8,282.28	-8,282.28
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