

# THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

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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 24<sup>th</sup> via Zoom, on May 16<sup>th</sup> face to face in London, and on September 14<sup>th</sup>, again via Zoom. In addition, a Working Party of Trustees and other interested people took place at The House of Lords on November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# The Summer Camps Trust

Sheet 1

Registered Charity no. 1162580

Annual accounts for the 12 months to September 30th 2023

## Section A : Statement of Financial activities

	12 mths to 30/09/2023 £	12 mths to 30/09/2022 £
<b>INCOME RECEIVED</b>		
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
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
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
<b>Net Income/(Expenditure)</b>	-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
<b>Net Assets</b>	814.04	2,099.61



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Summer Camps Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

30/09/2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1162580

Set out on pages

Sheet 1

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

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
- 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 Blakiston*

Date:

12/4/24

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John Blakiston

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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**Section B****Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

None