



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Charity name: Friends of Milkhope

Charity registration number: 1165150

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>The objects of friends of Milkhope are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. For the public benefit to promote the education (including social and physical training) of young people, in particular school pupils in Northumberland and surrounding counties2. To help young people in Northumberland and surrounding counties, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.3. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northumberland and surrounding counties and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the Condition of life of the said inhabitants
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.	<p>Management and development of an outdoor centre called Milkhope farmhouse, Kidland forest, Alwinton, Northumberland. Organisation of educational visits for young people and community groups in the north east.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit	<p>All Trustees informed at the AGM on 6 June 2025.</p>

Achievements and Performance

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.

- Financial stability once again maintained throughout 2024-2025. Balance at end of financial year was £15,441.22. Income was £5559.00 and expenditure was £3796.87.
- Unfortunately, during August 2024, we had several fraudulent online spending transactions go through our Barclays account, which is the first time we have experienced anything like this. Barclays were very proactive and supportive in dealing with this and refunded all monies lost through no fault of our own.
- Continued improvement in facilities both indoor and outdoor:
 - Retaining wall in lower garden completed summer 2024.
 - New wood burner for drying room purchased in July 2024.
 - Water filter UV tube replaced October 2024.
 - Materials for new bathroom ceiling and new front concrete plinth/steps purchased in March 2025.
 - NCC water testing also completed.
- The usual regular jobs also undertaken e.g. wood cutting, grass cutting and painting.
- Our regular stall at the Alwinton Show in October 2024 proved profitable once again with £524 raised on the day. Well done to all, particularly Jackie L for organising.
- Steady flow of bookings from a variety of local groups for the 2024-2025 financial year. Most weekends from March to November booked.
- All required charity policies updated November 2024 and accepted by all trustees.
- The Friends of Milkhope would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the success of the charity throughout a positive year.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	£15,441.22 Credit in account
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Friends of Milkhope continue to create a "buffer" of approximately £5000 in contingency funding in the event of unexpected events limiting access to the centre.
Amount of reserves held	£5000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Articles of Association
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	Appointed by AGM selection process. Reviewed on 6 June 2025

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Friends of Milkhope
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1165150
Charity's principal address	Seaton Valley High School (As of 1 September 2025) Prospect Avenue Seaton Delaval Northumberland NE25 0FW

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	Graham Scott	Chairperson		
2	Alan Dennis	Maintenance Manager		
3	Jan Robinson	Secretary		
4	Jackie Laszczewski	Fundraising Manager		
5	Ian Knight			
6	Jonathan Scott			
7	Paul Air			
8	Mark Barlow			
9	Trevor Scott			
10	Andrew Donald	Finance/Treasurer		
11	Chris Ord			
12	Craig Allen			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Exemptions from disclosure



Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Scott	Alan Dennis
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairperson	
Date	6 December 2025	

**FRIENDS OF MILKHOPE
ACCOUNTS**

Registered Charity: 1165150

1 APRIL 2024 - 31 MARCH 2025

Date	Description	Type	Income	Expend.	Balance
31/03/24	Carry Forward from 2023-2024				£ 13,679.09
02/04/24		Let	£ 50.00		£ 13,729.09
04/04/24		Let	£ 200.00		£ 13,929.09
11/04/24		Let	£ 125.00		£ 14,054.09
15/04/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 21.22	£ 14,032.87
19/04/24		Let	£ 125.00		£ 14,157.87
24/04/24	Costco - consumables	Debit Card		£ 55.27	£ 14,102.60
07/05/24		Let	£ 282.00		£ 14,384.60
13/05/24		Let	£ 200.00		£ 14,584.60
13/05/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 19.00	£ 14,565.60
13/05/24	Costco - washing up liquid	Debit Card		£ 4.42	£ 14,561.18
13/05/24	Amazon - Brick sealer	Debit Card		£ 39.95	£ 14,521.23
17/05/24		Let	£ 100.00		£ 14,621.23
20/05/24	Toolstation - fence paint	Debit Card		£ 7.30	£ 14,613.93
21/05/24		Let	£ 125.00		£ 14,738.93
21/05/24	Trade card - toilet siphon	Debit Card		£ 20.86	£ 14,718.07
31/05/24		Let	£ 180.00		£ 14,898.07
03/06/24	Asda Petrol grasscutting	Debit Card		£ 27.60	£ 14,870.47
10/06/24	Aldi Coffee Sugar	Debit Card		£ 3.34	£ 14,867.13
10/06/24	Asda Petrol grasscutting	Debit Card		£ 27.00	£ 14,840.13
17/06/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 19.57	£ 14,820.56

18/06/24		Let	£ 200.00		£ 15,020.56
28/06/24		Let	£ 100.00		£ 15,120.56
28/06/24		Let	£ 200.00		£ 15,320.56
01/07/24	ebay - wood burner	Debit Card		£ 75.00	£ 15,245.56
01/07/24	Asda Diesel	Debit Card		£ 25.00	£ 15,220.56
12/07/24	FE England	Invoice		£ 600.00	£ 14,620.56
17/07/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 18.91	£ 14,601.65
25/07/24	ebay - wood burner pipes etc (4 transactions)	Invoice		£ 346.81	£ 14,254.84
29/07/24	Amazon - fire basket	Invoice		£ 29.99	£ 14,224.85
05/08/24	Rogers Timber	Invoice		£ 277.50	£ 13,947.35
09/08/24	Aldi Coffee Sugar	Invoice		£ 5.75	£ 13,941.60
12/08/24		Let	£ 225.00		£ 14,166.60
13/08/24	Amazon wheel barrow wheels (3 transactions)	Invoice		£ 51.93	£ 14,114.67
13/08/24		Let	£ 300.00		£ 14,414.67
15/08/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 19.33	£ 14,395.34
15/08/24		Let	£ 176.50		£ 14,571.84
19/08/24	Amazon credit for fire basket on 29/7	Invoice		-£ 25.97	£ 14,597.81
21/08/24	Amazon - fire lighters	Invoice		£ 18.85	£ 14,578.96
27/08/24	ASOS (FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION)			£ 404.43	£ 14,174.53
27/08/24	Sports Direct (FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION)			£ 165.97	£ 14,008.56
28/08/24	Amazon (FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION)			£ 208.91	£ 13,799.65
28/08/24		Let	£ 200.00		£ 13,999.65
29/08/24	ASOS (FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION)			£ 239.95	£ 13,759.70

29/08/24	Sports Direct (FRAUDULANT TRANSACTION)			-£ 36.00	£ 13,795.70
16/09/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 19.28	£ 13,776.42
18/09/24		Let	£ 239.00		£ 14,015.42
18/09/24	NHPC 14/9	Donation	£ 50.00		£ 14,065.42
23/09/24	Barclays Correction (Fraudulent Reclaim)			-£ 1,019.26	£ 15,084.68
07/10/24		Let	£ 50.00		£ 15,134.68
14/10/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 18.83	£ 15,115.85
23/10/24	Alwinton Show	Donation	£ 524.00		£ 15,639.85
23/10/24	Amazon UV tube	Debit Card		£ 100.80	£ 15,539.05
28/10/24	Amazon - Padlock	Debit Card		£ 21.00	£ 15,518.05
04/11/24		Let	£ 100.00		£ 15,618.05
11/11/24		Let	£ 50.00		£ 15,668.05
15/11/24		Let	£ 250.00		£ 15,918.05
15/11/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 18.83	£ 15,899.22
20/11/24		Let	£ 50.00		£ 15,949.22
03/12/24	Amazon - phone	Debit Card		£ 8.94	£ 15,940.28
05/12/24		Let	£ 190.00		£ 16,130.28
16/12/24	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 18.83	£ 16,111.45
17/12/24	NCC Water testing	Invoice		£ 419.45	£ 15,692.00
06/01/25	Christmas Fundraising Evening	Donation	£ 85.00		£ 15,777.00
06/01/25		Let	£ 505.00		£ 16,282.00
16/01/25	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 29.63	£ 16,252.37
17/01/25	Christmas Fundraising Evening (Duplicate, reimbursed below)	Donation	£ 85.00		£ 16,337.37

21/01/25		Let	£ 80.00		£ 16,417.37
12/02/25		Let	£ 60.00		£ 16,477.37
13/02/25	Reimburse double Xmas evening payment	Donation	-£ 85.00		£ 16,392.37
17/02/25	Farmfoods - toilet tissue	Debit Card		£ 4.99	£ 16,387.38
17/02/25	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 25.39	£ 16,361.99
17/02/25	B&M - Consumables	Debit Card		£ 15.02	£ 16,346.97
20/02/25	Lakes & Dales - Grasscutter petrol	Debit Card		£ 35.95	£ 16,311.02
21/02/25		Let	£ 50.00		£ 16,361.02
03/03/25		Let	£ 100.00		£ 16,461.02
13/03/25	Quay Timber	Debit Card		£ 89.28	£ 16,371.74
14/03/25		Let	£ 250.00		£ 16,621.74
14/03/25	Alan Reimburse (Amazon Various)	Reimburse		£ 173.70	£ 16,448.04
14/03/25	Wickes - metal and drainage	Debit Card		£ 79.25	£ 16,368.79
17/03/25	Daisy Communications	Direct Debit		£ 25.39	£ 16,343.40
19/03/25	JT Dove - bathroom ceiling / path concrete	Debit Card		£ 1,039.68	£ 15,303.72
28/03/25		Let	£ 137.50		£ 15,441.22
			£ 5,559.00	£ 3,796.87	