



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/23 Period start date To 31/3/24 Period end date

Charity name: VENTNOR SKATEPARK GROUP

Charity registration number: 1165271

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY OF VENTNOR 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. THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR SKATEBOARDING, ROLLER BLADING, ROLLER SKATING AND SCOOTERS.
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 Ventnor Skatepark Group are dedicated to the provision and maintenance of a skatepark facility for Ventnor and wider community. This is achieved through the organising of a dedicated team of volunteers who carry out the following: <b>Promotion of positive use of the skatepark facility, highlighting outdoor activity and wheeled sports.</b> This is achieved through social media outlets, links to other local organisations, schools and youth groups. Having a presence through local media news sources. <b>Carrying out frequent general maintenance of existing facility:</b> Volunteers inspect the facility weekly and identify any works required. Work teams will then fix up and parts required to ensure the continued use of the facility. <b>Fundraising to better the facilities:</b> Through promoting continued awareness of the value of this facility for the local and

		wider community, financial donations as well as people donating their time to the project has been achieved.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The charity trustees are aware of the necessity of, 'having regard' to the charity commission's public benefit guidance.</p> <p>Through specific meetings they have shown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• an awareness of the guidance</li> <li>• and that this has been taken into account when making any decisions to which the guidance is relevant</li> </ul> <p>To date there has been no occasion when trustees have needed to depart from the guidance.</p>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The Ventnor Skatepark Group is made up entirely of volunteers.</p> <p>Their contribution to the project between April 2023 – March 2024 has continued to be very limited due to the ongoing work on the nearby collapse of the sea wall. This has been ongoing since November 2022.</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>Although the skatepark site has in the main remained open for public use throughout the course of the revetment works, there has been no opportunity to expand on the very basic maintenance and oversight.</p> <p>Volunteers/Trustees remained in contact with the Isle of Wight Council and Environment Agency to ensure the needs of skatepark users were communicated.</p> <p>It is anticipated that work will be completed by June 2024 allowing full access to the skatepark site once again.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Due to the continued revetment work there has been a hiatus on all main objectives for the majority of this year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Fundraising has been halted for this year due to the inability of objectives being able to be met because of the closure of the revetment.</p> <p>It is anticipated that Trustees can re-establish fundraising objectives in the latter half of 2024.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	<b>N/A</b>
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Income achieved through fundraising/donations: £0</p> <p>Expenditure: £440.60 (Insurance &amp; Lease)</p> <p>End Balance: £9737.46</p> <p>Due to very limited activity this year, both income and expenditure remained fairly static.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>No specific reserves have been held, however, the Ventnor Skatepark committee and trustees have identified a need to ensure a minimum of £1000 is maintained within the charity account to cover the essential spending such as insurance and lease expenses to IWC.</p> <p>There will be a need going forward to consider how much can be spent on the immediate upkeep of the park area once fully re-open, and a likely need to consider localised fundraising to support this.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£9000</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Trustees foresee no major issues continuing to fulfil main obligations once the skatepark site becomes fully accessible again. At that time consideration will be given to ongoing work and roles within the charity to ensure it can continue to meet the needs of local people.</p>

### 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>No additional funds were generated this year. Any previous funds were generated through donations from park users and the local community.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Although trustees are confident moving forward, consideration will need to be given to how to plan for the future.</p> <p>It is anticipated that the current revetment works will complete in June 2024. At which time trustees will continue to work with Isle of Wight council and the Environment agency to ensure the security of the skatepark site and 're-launch' the main objectives of the charity in 2025.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution adopted 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
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	<p>Trustees are appointed or reappointed at the annual general meeting, unless there is a requirement for an exceptional meeting.</p> <p>Due to the disruption that has taken place over the last 3 years, current trustees have remained in post to ensure continuity.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to allow for new trustees and committee in 2025.</p>

### 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	<p>Trustees to undertake any suitable training and meetings to assist with the charity. Trustees can also request specific training that they feel would assist them within their roles</p> <p>Documents specific to the Ventnor Skatepark Group, covering trustee responsibilities are available to all trustees and committee members, and on request by the public.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Ventnor Skatepark Group organisational structure consists of a mix of trustees, and committee members. All are volunteers.</p> <p>Some trustees take on dual roles, due to their connection with the project and the area. These individuals are: John Cattle – Trustee &amp; Committee chair Fred Woodworth – Trustee &amp; Committee Treasurer.</p> <p>The charity is made up of 1 other additional trustee.</p> <p>The committee in addition to the role of chair, has an elected treasurer and secretary.</p> <p>Other general committee roles are: Fundraising Manager Works Manager</p> <p>Due to the disruption in the past year and very limited activities, trustees have met informally to discuss progress. Official meetings will be timetabled and resume once full works on the revetment have been completed.</p>

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Ventnor Skatepark Group is not affiliated to any other group or organisation. Due to the nature of the charity, and the community involvement, the group work closely with Ventnor Town Council and other community groups to help promote and maintain the charity objectives.</p> <p>Due to the revetment works being undertaken, the charity has also kept in close contact with Isle of Wight Council, who they lease the land from, and the Environment Agency who are carrying out the works.</p>
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	VENTNOR SKATEPARK GROUP
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1165271
Charity's principal address	C/O 1 Salisbury Gardens Dudley Road Ventnor PO38 1EJ

**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	John Cattle	CHAIR		
2	Zoe Thompson	SECRETARY		
3	Fred Woodworth	TREASURER		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		
N/A		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		



## 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	NA/

### 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

N/A



## Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	ZOE THOMPSON	JOHN CATTLE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TRUSTEE / SECRETARY	TRUSTEE/CHAIR
Date	1/4/24	1/4/24

**Ventnor Skate Park Group Accounts Statement 2023-2024**

Starting balance 01/04/2023	£10,178.05
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**INCOME**

Fund-raising (Easy Fundraising)	£0
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Income sub-total	£0
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**EXPENDITURE**

Insurance	-£440.60
IoW Council rent (2 years)	

Expenditure sub-total	-£440.60
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Balance 31/03/2024	9,737.46
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