



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 5th April 2023

To 4th April 2024

Charity name: Wind Empowerment

Charity registration number: 1165510

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>Wind Empowerment (WE) supports the development of locally built wind turbines for sustainable rural electrification. This is achieved by strengthening the capacity of its members through:</p> <p>Building and sharing financial and human resource connections, performing joint technical research, sharing technical information and collaborating on key vendor relationships, Strengthening understanding of business and social models for effective implementation of small wind technology, Managing projects, offering consultancy services and developing/distributing products in line with the association's guiding principles and in the interest of the members.</p>
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	<p>Wind Empowerment organises workshops, conferences and knowledge exchange events to disseminate knowledge relating to open source locally built wind turbine and rural electrification technologies. WE also conducts research and development activities to develop these technologies, and to understand how they might better serve the needs of rural communities globally.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Both the Board of Trustees and Executive Board of Wind Empowerment are assured that Wind Empowerment's activities meet the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

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>In this period, we were focused to make funding applications for broader projects as well as the biannual Wind Empowerment Conference.</p> <p>We continued with our Water Pumping and Productive Uses projects with teams in Argentina and India, they continued their work and brought to a close research on water pumping activities.</p> <p>The board has been focusing on fundraising and engaging with donors, whilst improving presence online through social media channels and the website. We also commenced a Corporate Partnerships approach aiming to build connections between industry and development work.</p> <p>Wind Empowerment brought together members new and old for the biannual conference, with fundraising efforts and coordination to that end, including sponsorships for members from South Sudan, Kenya, and Ghana.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As of the end of the financial period in question (April 2024/5) Wind Empowerment had sufficient funds to meet contracted
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		obligations along with reserves
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Wind Empowerment has the policy of retaining reserves to the value of three months of operating costs for the Executive Board, in order to enable fundraising activities to launch new Wind Empowerment activities. Wind Empowerment operates exclusively on a grant/project basis.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£2000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Due to unsuccessful fundraising efforts the board agreed to carrying out activities on a voluntary basis and forgo payment, which resulted in reduced outputs, reserves sufficient for several years according to current outputs. The board are maintaining this position until further stability can be realised.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's %trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Wind Empowerment is governed on a legal basis by its constitution, and on a working basis by its charter.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a CIO
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	Trustees are elected every two years during the Wind Empowerment Conference, at the same time as the election of the Executive Board. In the first instance, election is by consensus of all attendant Wind Empowerment members (as individuals - including those voting/nominating by correspondence). In the event that an election is contested or controversial, this triggers a formal voting process whereby

		only members of the Wind Empowerment Association with formal voting rights (defined in the charter as non-profit organisations) are eligible to vote.
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wind Empowerment
Other name the charity uses	Wind Empowerment Network, Wind Empowerment Association
Registered charity number	1165510
Charity's principal address	Lawn Cottage Wyver Lane BELPER DE56 2EF

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 Alfred Alsop	N/A		
	2 Jon Leary	N/A		
	3 Marco Ogno	N/A		
	4 Howard Cramer	N/A		
	5 Ben Campbell	N/A		
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)

Alfred Ian Alsop



Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee of the Board

Date

14/04/2025