



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**To** 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**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	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: 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.
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	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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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.

## 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	This FY Wind Empowerment were able to run their biannual conference in Greece. Central to this was bringing together practitioners and experts from around the world to share knowledge, this was done in a hybrid manner but we also sponsored global south delegates to attend. We were also able to finalise projects around water pumping in argentina and peru, as well as support maintenance and construction of turbines across the regions our partners are active in. Our Conference galvanised groups across the world and particularly helped us create collaborative networks in Africa, including electing to the Board Josephy Aginya, who lives in Ghana, and has been able to influence our ways of working.

## 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 2025) Wind Empowerment had sufficient funds to meet contracted obligations along with reserves
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Wind Empowerment held 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. Most recently the Board have decided to take no salary so that reserves can reflect website and cloud maintenance, and maintain stability for years to come. No salaries are being paid until reserves are stronger.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,516
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	Para 1.23	Due to unsuccessful fundraising efforts the board agreed to carrying out activities on a

charity continuing as a going concern		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.
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## 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.

## 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		

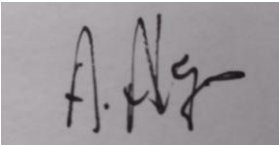
### Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name(s)

Alfred Alsop



Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair,  
etc)

Trustee of the Board

Date

17/05/26

Date	Payment in/out	Amount (£)	Description				General / Conference / Projects	
18-Nov	In	470	Reimbursing Conference Costs				Conference	
14-Nov	Out	768.48	Caterer (Greece)				Conference	
24-Oct	Out	1,882.90	Transport throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
21-Oct	Out	78.16	Accommodation throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
21-Oct	Out	1,695.52	Accommodation throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
21-Oct	Out	1,695.51	Caterer (Greece)				Conference	
08-Oct	In	466.27	Reimbursing Conference Costs				Conference	
03-Oct	In	467.37	Reimbursing Conference Costs				Conference	
03-Oct	In	480	Reimbursing Conference Costs				Conference	
02-Oct	Out	148.5	Transport throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
30-Sep	Out	324.85	Transport throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
30-Sep	Out	224.38	Transport throughout Conference (Greece)				Conference	
17-Sep	Out	1,624.97	Flights Sponsorship (Uganda)				Conference	
13-Sep	Out	765.85	Flights Sponsorship (Kenya)				Conference	
11-Sep	Out	1,812.42	Flights Sponsorship (Ghana)				Conference	
02-Sep	Out	153.03	Insurance (Kenya)				Conference	
27-Aug	Out	218.43	Insurance (Uganda)				Conference	
09-Aug	Out	26.95	VISA [unsuccessful] (Nigeria)				Conference	
29-Jul	Out	155.6	VISA [unsuccessful] (Nigeria)				Conference	
26-Jul	Out	404.33	VISA (Kenya)				Conference	
22-Jul	Out	410.5	VISA (Uganda)				Conference	
22-Jul	Out	33.72	Flight reservation (Ghana)				Conference	
17-Jul	Out	944.35	Project Costs for Wind Empowerment Partners in India				Projects	
16-Jul	Out	931	Website maintenance and repair				General	
07-May	In	4000	Donation				General	