

Frome's Missing Links

Charity number: 1166492

Address: 25 Innox Hill, Frome BA11 2LW

Trustees: Richard Ackroyd, Tricia Golinski, Grant Gellatly, Ruth Knagg, Helen Johnstone and Adrian Warren

Structure: a CIO managed by the trustees who meet monthly. At every AGM, one third of the trustees retire from office, by rotation according to who have been longest in office since their last appointment or reappointment. Trustees are re-appointed or recruited at each AGM.

Activities and objectives in the year:

Opening Phase 2 from Buckland Bridge to Elliots Lane. Many maintenance jobs here remain and the longer term aim is to put a proper surface along the path so that we can truly say "access for all" active travellers.

Extending the path from Weylands (Phase 3). Future work will involve creating more hedges, clearing verges and signage, with the longer term aim of going further towards the railway crossing at Selwood Lodge.

We are in talks with Network Rail to complete Phase 4, looking at the southern route possibilities and investigating further fundraising activities.

Achievements and performance:

Opening Phase 2 from Buckland Bridge to Elliots Lane. With the help of Goldings contractors and volunteers we were able to open this stretch after a long wait to get permission from Network Rail and one landowner. Members of the public can now walk along the path, which has been cleared, fenced off and surfaced with old railway ballast.

Extending the path from Weylands (Phase 3). This was achieved in late summer with the help of Aggregate Industries, Connor Construction, volunteers and landowners. Over several weeks about 500m of tarmac path was created, which is now being used by lots of people.

Both of the above projects have been well received by the public and our volunteers now have regular activity days to keep the sections clear and open for all. Together they represent about 1.8km of new path, which is a significant achievement. As described more work is envisaged on signage, seating, fencing, planting and surfacing.

Friday Crew meet every Friday with about 6 to 12 volunteers each week. They have cleared vegetation at various sites, erected fencing, planted trees, fixed potholes, built steps, seating and installed gates and styles. They have also helped out on some Frome Town Council days with Town Rangers, for example fitting lighting along the Dippy path.

Frome Community Bike Project has been formed as a sister charity from our regular workshops, with the aim of helping to get second-hand cycles repaired and maintained by volunteers. FCBP will also run training courses on bike maintenance, repair and road skills. Any surplus income will be donated to Frome's Missing Links. FCBP raised about £35,000 from a Crowdfunder campaign, showing massive public support for the project.

Trustees continue to meet monthly and have organised fundraising events such as the Ceilidh, bike sales and stalls on market days. A regular newsletter goes out to supporters and they regularly publicise our activities.

Financial review:

We have reviewed our financial procedures and updated our Financial Policy. We have started to build up a separate reserve fund to cover the costs of future land purchase.

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Receipts and payments accounts**CC16a****For the
period from****Period start date**
1st January 2023**To****Period end date**
31st December 2023**Section A Receipts and payer**

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Public Donations | 1,600 | - | - | 1,600 | 3,458 |
| Other donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Collection Boxes | - | - | - | - | 335 |
| Ceilidh Income | 4,079 | - | - | 4,079 | 13,454 |
| Grant Income | 19,349 | - | - | 19,349 | - |
| Other Income - Bike and Cake sales | 316 | - | - | 316 | - |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 25,343 | - | - | 25,343 | 17,247 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 25,343 | - | - | 25,343 | 17,247 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Direct Expenditure on Building Cycleway | 59,239 | - | - | 59,239 | - |
| Brick Purchases and Engraving Costs | - | - | - | - | - |
| Professional Fees | - | - | - | - | 427 |
| Ceilidh expenses | 1,557 | - | - | 1,557 | 13,957 |
| Pedal Powered Cinema Expenses | - | - | - | - | - |
| Bank Charges - Paypal | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other operating expenditure | 630 | - | - | 630 | - |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - | - |
| Payments Sub total | 61,427 | - | - | 61,427 | 14,385 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 61,427 | - | - | 61,427 | 14,385 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | -36,083 | - | - | -36,083 | 2,862 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 40,185 | - | - | 40,185 | 37,323 |
| Cash funds this year end | 4,102 | - | - | 4,102 | 40,185 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash at Bank | 4,102 | - | - |
| | Cash with Paypal | - | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | Rounding adjustment | - | | |
| | Total cash funds (agreed balance with receipts and payments account(s)) | 4,102 OK | - OK | - OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | Creditors | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | | | | |
| Signature | | Print Name | | Date of approval |
| | | Richard Ackroyd | | 23/09/2023 |
| | | Adrian Warren | | 23/09/2023 |

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Frome's Missing Links

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Frome's Missing Links (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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.

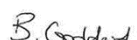
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Name: Beverley Goddard

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any):
Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

Address: 25 Leaze Road, Frome, BA11 3EY

Date: 31 October 2024