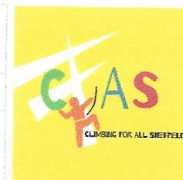




# Trustees' Annual Report for the period



Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 Aug 2020	To	31 July 2021

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	Climbing for All Sheffield
Other names charity is known by	CfAS
Registered charity number (if any)	1166860
Charity's principal address	100 Marlcliffe Road Sheffield  Postcode S6 4AG

### 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	Nick Whittaker	Chair		
2	Ruby Whittaker			
3	George Smith			
4	Jenny Hands			
5	Clare Hands			
6	Ben Conway			
7	Robin Whittaker			
8	Hazel Whittaker			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**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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## Section B Structure, governance and management

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document  
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted  
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by meeting of trustees

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The charity runs climbing sessions at The Foundry Climbing Centre, Sheffield. Sessions are supervised by qualified and experienced rock climbing instructors. The centre's procedures are followed, including safety procedures for climbing, and recording of parent/guardian consent for children and for adults under guardianship.

## Section C Objectives and activities

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

*THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS THE PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN CLIMBING ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SHEFFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.*

In more detail, the objects of the charity are:

1. To provide opportunities for children, young people and adults

with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy rock climbing and mountaineering and be visible and included in the climbing community in Sheffield.

2. To increase levels of participation of children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities in rock climbing and mountaineering, in order to:
  - Improve their physical development, health and wellbeing;
  - Improve their self-image and self-esteem; and
  - Develop their confidence and ability to communicate and interact with other people.
3. To develop a strong and sustainable network of instructors with the qualifications, skills and experience needed to confidently help children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy rock climbing and mountaineering.

Trustees acted throughout the period to provide public benefit:

**PROMOTING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION IN PARTICULAR BY THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR PARTICIPATING IN CLIMBING ACTIVITIES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF SHEFFIELD AND SURROUNDING AREAS.**

The climbing club restarted once Covid-19 restrictions permitted, providing opportunities for children, young people and adults with a wide range of disabilities to access and enjoy climbing in Sheffield. Climbing sessions resumed from 20 May 2021.

Operating at The Foundry Climbing Centre, the club enables disabled climbers to be visible and included in the climbing community in Sheffield. Involvement of volunteers from the climbing community, and development of experience amongst volunteers and instructors, promotes climbing as an inclusive activity for children, young people and adults with disabilities.

No “taster sessions” were held before the end of the reporting period, but the charity’s website and Facebook page provided an opportunity for people to get in touch, and dialogue restarted about providing new opportunities for disabled climbers to try climbing.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers are essential to the operation of climbing activities. Many of the charity’s climbers require assistance of one or two side-climbers with belayers for climber and side-climber(s), as well as assisted rope systems.

Whilst instructors are employed by The Foundry and are paid, volunteers are unpaid, keeping cost of sessions affordable.

Friendly interactions with volunteers make climbing sessions fun for many climbers, while the involvement of most volunteers in various aspects of climbing is a major contributor to the visibility of disabled climbers in the climbing community.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

In its fifth year of operation, Climbing for All Sheffield restarted climbing sessions as the Covid-19 pandemic eased in Britain.

Having been closed from the start of covid lockdown in March 2020, gyms and climbing walls briefly opened with restrictions from 25th July 2020 but closed again on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Climbing for All Sheffield did not restart during the August–October window because of covid safety concerns for climbers and volunteers.

Gyms and climbing walls next reopened from 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021. At this stage, some Clinically Extremely Vulnerable climbers and their carers, and some older volunteers had received a dose of vaccine.

Climbers and volunteers were asked if they wanted to resume climbing sessions, and small sessions comprising 1 or 2 climbers only plus a small handful of volunteers were arranged. Covid safety guidelines were observed.

24 sessions were held (from May 2021) in the last 10 weeks of the reporting period. All club members who had requested sessions climbed at least once, with 14 climbers taking part in total. Of the 14, 13 had been regular club climbers before covid, and 1 climber had had a pre-covid trial session with her physiotherapist. 13 volunteers helped at these sessions, in addition to 3 of the trustees who volunteer sometimes or regularly at sessions.

The trustees are very pleased that both children and adults are represented at the club, with a variety of physical, cognitive and sensory impairments and/or autism. The club has provided opportunities for families to climb together, with non-disabled siblings or children getting an opportunity to climb alongside disabled family members.

With the return of unrestricted climbing, the charity will host bigger climbing sessions in the FY22 period, and will also boost availability of climbing by referring some climbers or groups with additional support needs directly to the Foundry. The charity is very pleased to promote wider Climbing for All initiatives beyond its own operation. Acceptance of differently abled climbers in mainstream climbing, and experience gained by Foundry instructors in assisting differently abled climbers, are both very much aims of Climbing for All Sheffield.

Following the success and popularity of two online quizzes held in May and July in the previous period, a further online quiz was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September. It was attended by climbers and volunteers, including those who had not been at the climbing session, and helped people keep in touch before they were able to return to climbing.

The charity maintained a lighter social media presence while sessions were paused, still posting some photographs and sharing climbing experiences with permission on its Facebook page. The two private Facebook groups continued, for registered climbers and volunteers respectively.

The role of The Foundry in providing a base for the charity's activities is gratefully acknowledged.



**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

Our reserves position: at end of FY (July 2021) unrestricted funds stood at £4,497, an increase of £184 over the year.

Annual expenditure was very much reduced due to Covid-19, amounting to £456, thus the ratio of reserves to annual expenditure was substantially greater than 100%.

Policy on reserves will be reviewed alongside operational planning and financial review.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The attached financial report sets out key income and expenditure headlines.

This year's sole costs were for instructors to lead climbing sessions, at £456 in FY21. Income from sessions was £200: the charity remains committed to providing climbing opportunities to all, regardless of their ability to pay, and non-subsidised pricing would be prohibitive to many CfAS climbers.

Kit donated by sponsors last year remained in operation through the year. No new equipment was purchased during FY21, although rolling replacement is intended from FY22. Note that equipment items are not listed as assets because monetary transfer of equipment would not be feasible.

Principle income was from donations, at £440. This was considerably less than pre-covid levels due to the absence of a major fundraising event this year. The charity's profile led to ongoing donations from individuals and organisations, but there was less fundraising activity generally because of covid restrictions. The charity's policy is to accept donations from organisations who have compatible values to ours.

The trustees are proud of the charity's success to date and consider it to be their duty and privilege to further expand climbing opportunities, enjoyment and inclusion for the disabled community.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

NICHOLAS WHITTAKER.

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR OF TRUSTEES

Date

21/5/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Climbing for All Sheffield

No (if any)  
1166860

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Aug-20		31-Jul-21

### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Session payments from climbers	200	-	-	200	410
Events income	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising & donations	440	-	-	440	1,495
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,905</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>1,905</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Session costs (instructors)	456	-	-	456	1,222
Events (Christmas party)	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise (hoodies)	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>456</b>	<b>1,222</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>683</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,313</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>4,313</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank account	4,497	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				

## 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)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

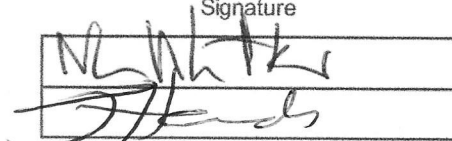
## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	NICHOLAS WHITAKER	21/5/22
	JENNIFER HANDS	22/5/22