

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	jan	2022		31	dec

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Arctic Research Group
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number (if any)	1167722
Charity's principal address	29 Station Road
	Borrowash
	DERBY
Postcode	DE72 3LG

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	Mr Ian Frearson	Founder		
2	Professor G Shaw	Trustee		
3	Mr Christopher Searston	Trustee		
4	Mr Bernard Frearson	Trustee		
5	Mr Simon Hall	Trustee		
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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
Financial	Mr Richard Day ACA	83 Wingfield Drive Chaddesden Derby

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Dr Stephen Staley, Group Leader. Mr Daniel Clarke, Safety and Logistics Leader

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CIO
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Nominated internally from members of the Group with a proven track record of maintaining the interests of the Group

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 Group continues to work to the original principals and policies set up in 2016 when Charity Status was awarded.

Section C Objectives and activities

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

- 1 To advance education about the High Arctic environment through scientific research into all its aspects and the dissemination of the useful results for the benefit of the public.
- 2 To encourage the continuation of research expeditions by engaging with and taking along new young scientists on expeditions and introducing them to the rigours of field research in this hostile environment. It is also hoped that

some will be able to incorporate academic thesis work alongside their ARG research, thus contributing directly to their University courses.

3 If the objectives specified in 1 and 2 should for any reason fail or cannot be fulfilled then the Group will continue to plan for the future continuation of research expeditions and recruitment of new members who will be able to maintain the vision of the founding group.

4 The strategy of the ARG is to undertake useful, meaningful scientific research that will add to current information, benefit both science specifically and the public generally so that a better understanding of the High Arctic environment may be obtained. The Group's strategy has always been designed to guarantee a higher than average chance of success with all expeditions, by undertaking a series of interlinked, but scientifically separate, projects that together provide a better scientific coverage of the research area generally, whilst the individual projects chosen on their own merit are complementary to each other. This strategy makes the best economic as well as scientific sense and has stood the ARG in good stead since its inception in 1988.

The Group positively encourages the inclusion in field research parties of a number of new young scientists in order that a positive dynamic interest in high latitudes may be developed for future generations so that a continued stream of science may be guaranteed for the benefit of all areas of society and academia.

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

The Group has actively added new members so that a continuing new crop of participants may add to those experiencing these fragile wilderness areas and the problems faced by wildlife through direct and indirect anthropogenic activity. This extends the Group's activities whilst upholding and developing the knowledge of how man affects these areas.

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.

All the members of the ARG are volunteers, giving their time and effort without charge in the pursuit of scientific knowledge. The continuing support of the members reinforces the Group's policy by this continued support, without which the actual hard work of identifying and selecting new members, planning, arranging and financing expeditions and both generating and publishing scientific reports would be almost impossible. The harsh climatic situations in the research areas visited puts an enormous strain on all equipment taken and used, which therefore requires regular replacement. This too falls on the ARG members, who spend countless hours chasing leads and contacts to secure replacement equipment as required in order that successful and safe expeditions may continue.

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In early 2022 we were successful (with institutional partners) in winning grants from (a) the Svalbard Miljøvernfond (the environmental fund for Svalbard) to carry out a clean-up of rubbish from beaches in the archipelago and to assess a technique to accurately determine how much rubbish there actually was on a given beach and (b) the Gino Watkins Memorial Fund for general expedition costs.

The ARG had spent a considerable amount of time and energy throughout 2021 and early 2022 preparing for its planned expedition to Recherchefjord (Svalbard) in summer 2022. This included acquisition of some new kit to support the field work. Unfortunately an unexpected, last minute pilots' strike meant that our flights were cancelled and the expedition had to be postponed until 2023 (it was carried out successfully in August 2023). We managed to recover a large proportion of the expenses that had already been incurred, including all the flight costs.

However, we were able to send two members to Tromsø in northern Norway earlier in 2022 to learn the techniques that would be employed in the beach pollution project. This invaluable experience was then passed on to the other expedition members for use in the expedition.

During the rest of 2022 we recruited several additional expedition members, raised further funds and added more scientific projects to the forthcoming expedition's repertoire.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group does not carry reserves as such and its finances operate on a rolling programme where excess funds from one year will help offset potential losses from another.

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 ARG planned for the summer 2022 expedition and made pre-payments for flights, boat transport, food etc in the months leading up to this. Last minute cancellation due to the SAS pilots' strike meant most of the boat and food costs had to be written off. Fortunately, following much effort, all flight costs were recovered (some post-2022).

See Section D for grant sources of funds. ~In addition to these, payments from those going on the expeditions plus donations of, or reductions in cost of, equipment were received.

The ARG invests to date only in its bank accounts.

Section F Other optional information

The plans (realised in 2023 by a 10 man expedition) for the 2022 expedition included studies of (a) beach rubbish pollution (b) natural methane emissions from pingoes (c) surveys of archaeological sites (d) group psychology studies and (e) architectural study of Longyearbyen.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Ian Frearson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder

Date

4th October 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Arctic Research Group

1167722

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1:1:2022

To

31:12:2022



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 £
A1 Receipts					
opening balance	7,098	-	-	7,098	973
On line donations	195	-	-	195	-
Grants	750	-	-	750	-
Donations	9,450	-	-	9,450	-
Flight reimbursement	2,993	-	-	2,993	-
Boat transport reimbursement	865	-	-	865	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	21,351	-	-	21,351	973
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
share sales	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,351	-	-	21,351	973
A3 Payments					
Storage	300	-	-	300	-
Boat transport payment	2,436	-	-	2,436	-
Accommodation & out of pocket	1,382	-	-	1,382	-
Go Daddy	183	-	-	183	-
reimbursement	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
Flights	5,128	-	-	5,128	-
project equipment purchase & service	1,664	-	-	1,664	-
Firearms permits etc	375	-	-	375	-
Sundries	179	-	-	179	-
Food	192	-	-	192	-
Sub total	13,339	-	-	13,339	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,339	-	-	13,339	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	8,012	-	-	8,012	973
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	8,012	-	-	8,012	973

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 £
B1 Cash funds	retained in Svalbard	1,000	-	-
	Barclays Bank a/c	7,098	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	8,098	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Ian Frearson	04-Oct-23
	Chris Searston	04-Oct-23