

ARCTIC RESEARCH GROUP CHARITY ACCOUNT

FINANCE STATEMENT 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2023

ITEM	DATE	OUT	IN	BALANCE
Opening balance 1 st Jan 2023	01 01			8012.00
Arctic Ltd	05 01	300.00		7712.00
Amazon Europe Core	31 01		7.02	7719.02
PayPal	08 02		9.00	7728.02
Dr G Staley (Farm deposit)	23 02	872.81		6855.21
MJ Haynes	13 03		500.00	7355.21
Nick Norman	14 03		1000.00	8355.21
C Patton	17 03		500.00	8855.21
Icom UK Ltd. Radios	21 03	647.18		8207.73
Dr G Staley (Flights)	28 03	6424.04		1783.69
N Haycock	30 03		1000.00	2783.69
Amazon Europe Core	24 04		5.00	2788.69
SALT Lofoten AS Milljoven Fund	27 04		4210.90	6999.59
Nick Norman. Firearm permits & bags	02 05	158.00		6841.59
Siri Enckell Funds	09 05		580.95	7422.54
Dr G Staley. Radio donation	18 05		400.00	7822.54
Neil haycock Firearms permits	18 05	79.41		7743.13
Amazon Europe Core	19 05		15.43	7758.56
PayPal	22 05		9.12	7767.68
Dave Pidgeon. Funds	25 05		1500.00	9267.68
PayPal	01 06		5.00	9272.68
SAS Flights	05 06	773.38		8499.30
PayPal	29 06		2.00	8501.30
C Searston. (ACRO & permits)	10 07	108.01		8393.29
MJ Haynes Polarigg (accom. In LYR)	19 07	2598.17		5795.12
Nick Norman (Permits & ancillaries)	21 07	105.45		5689.67
SAS Flights baggage	28 07	234.00		5455.67
PayPal	31 07		1.25	5456.92
SAS Baggage	01 08	177.00		
SAS	01 08	980.00		429 9.92
Coop Longyear	03 08	66.21		
Spitsbergen Travel	03 08	132.62		
Svalbard Auto AS (Fuel)	03 08	273.42		
Nick Norman (Polarigg etc)	03 08	2094.12		1733.55
Coop Longyear (food)	04 08	432.50		1301.05
Ditto	07 08	161.91		1139.14
Dr G Staley (Loan)	14 08		1000.00	2139.14
Stakers Svalbard	21 08	259.96		1879.18
PayPal	31 08		17.23	1896.41

Dr G Staley (Loan)	04 09		1000.00	2896.41
Nick Norman (various)	05 09	1741.53		1154.88
Dan Clarke (Reimbursment part)	06 09	400.00		754.88
Wioetta Hypiak Reimbusement	08 09	500.00		254.88
C Searston (DHL costs)	14 09	243.33		11.55
PayPal	02 10		5.00	16.55
ITEM	DATE	OUT	IN	BALANCE
Dr G Staley (Loan)	19 10		250.00	266.55
PayPal	20 11		00.01	
PayPal	20 11		0.98	267.54
PayPal	30 11		2.00	269.54
PayPal	27.12		291.74	561.28
Balance Retained in Norway			1000.00	
Closing Balance for 2023	Total Cash			1561.28

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

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

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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 & Trustee		
2	Mr Bernard Frearson	Trustee		
3	Mr Simon Hall	Trustee		
4	Mr Christopher Searston	Trustee	Until 20 th February 2024	
5	Dr Stephen Staley	Trustee	From 26 th October 2023	
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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 knowledge of 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 cannot be fulfilled in the short term 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, benefitting both science specifically and the public generally to achieve a better understanding of the High Arctic environment. 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. Together these should provide a better scientific understanding of the research area generally, as the individual projects are chosen on their own merit, are complementary to each other and still have merit if other projects have to be cancelled or scaled back. 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 and members of the public who may not otherwise get an opportunity to join a scientific expedition. This in turn helps to ensure that order that a dynamic interest in high latitudes continues for the benefit of all areas of society and academia and to better aid the protection of these fragile environments.

Where possible learned papers are produced for publication and, for all our expeditions, a full expedition report is produced that is widely disseminated (including to university libraries and on our website).

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

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 underpins the Group's work; without this support the actual hard work of identifying and selecting new members, planning, arranging, executing and financing expeditions - and both generating and publishing scientific reports - would not be possible.

The harsh climatic situations in the research areas puts an enormous strain on all equipment taken and used, which therefore requires regular replacement. Responsibility for replacing equipment also 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

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the first half of 2023 the ARG continued recruiting members, raising funds and planning for its 2023 expedition to Recherche fjorden in southern Spitsbergen, in the Svalbard archipelago.

This represented the delayed 2022 expedition, postponed because a last-minute strike by pilot's employed by Scandinavian Air Services (SAS) led to the cancellation of our flights days before departure, with no chance of putting alternative travel plans in place. Fortunately, all air fares were eventually recovered from SAS though some costs of the boat chartered for transport in the islands could not be.

The 10-person expedition was successfully carried out in August 2023 and completed studies of (a) beach rubbish pollution (b) natural methane emissions from pingoes (c) surveys of archaeological sites (d) group psychology studies and (e) an architectural study of Longyearbyen, the main settlement on the islands.

The expedition report has been written and disseminated and at least one learned paper is in preparation for publication.

Planning, fundraising and preparation for an expedition scheduled for July 2025 began in the second half of 2023 and are continuing.

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.

Principal sources of funds in 2023 were grants received earlier, member donations and third party donations.

These were used to pay for necessary expedition-related costs, including items such as radio sets, and minor amounts were spent on ancillary costs such as website hosting.

Section F

Other optional information

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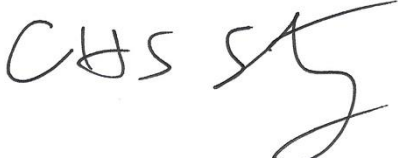
Section G

Declaration

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)

Ian Frearson	Dr Stephen Staley
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Founder & Trustee	Trustee
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Date

16 th October 2024
