

Topsham Adventure Centre

Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

Registered Charity Number: 1170649

Topsham Adventure Centre

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis.

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was registered with the Charity Commission (Registration No. 1170649) on 9 December 2016.

Trustees

The trustees who acted during the year were as follows:

Mr A McNicol

Mrs G McLean

Mrs F Lambeck

Ms L Young

Dr N Batchelor (Resigned 30 November 2021 and re-appointed as President)

Ms T Costello (Appointed 10 October 2021)

The principal office of the charity is:

2 Wessex Close

Topsham

Exeter

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Charitable objects

The objects of the CIO are to provide and maintain a community building (Topsham Adventure Centre) for the public benefit and particularly for the benefit of young people in order to:

- (a) develop skills, capacities and capabilities to enable young people to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals
- (b) advance their education
- (c) promote good health and wellbeing
- (d) provide recreational and leisure activities and opportunities in the interests of social welfare for them and other people living in the area who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving their conditions of life.

In setting the charity's objectives and planning its activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.

Topsham Adventure Centre is a collaboration between 1st Topsham Sea Scout Group and CEDA (Community Equality Disability Action). CEDA provide educational and life skills activities for children and young adults with disabilities. The new community building will provide a much-needed permanent home for 1st Topsham Beavers, Cubs and Sea Scouts, and a semi-rural addition to CEDA's existing facilities in Exeter.

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Trustees' Annual Report (cont'd)

Year ended 31 December 2021

Achievements and performance

Planning permission for the Adventure Centre was granted in 2016. In 2018, costings (obtained by our architects, Steve Eastland Design in conjunction with Weststructure) established that the overall cost of the project would be in the region of £600,000. Following the Covid epidemic, this figure has risen to £750,000.

At the beginning of 2020, the Trustees were expecting to reach 50 per cent of the total building cost during that year, but in March 2020 all face-to-face meetings, social fundraising activities and grant applications were paused. The Trustees met regularly by Zoom until the summer of 2021 when outdoor meetings were possible again, but successive increases in infection rates meant that conventional fundraising events still could not be planned. As the pandemic eased, grant-holders turned to meet immediate needs resulting from the health crisis rather than longer-term and more general applications.

During the Covid shutdown, 1st Topsham Scout Group parents voluntarily transferred their children's membership subscriptions to TAC, and we claimed and were granted Gift Aid on previous donations. During 2021, completion of Heritage Homes building work allowed Exeter City Council to grant £42,000 (Section 106 funding). A charitable trust (Elizabeth and Prince Zaiger) donated for the third time.

The UK vaccination programme began in January 2021, and on 30 September 2021 we held an outdoor relaunch event in the Teepees at Dart's Farm, Topsham to gain support from local politicians and attract local funders. Exeter City Council pledged financial support for the project and Simon Jupp MP offered to help raise awareness.

At 31 December 2021 the building fund stood at £167,800 (including £10,000 notified, but not yet received).

The Trustees remain confident that fundraising will achieve its interim target (50% of the total £600,000 including VAT) during the 18 month period following lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. On that basis we currently hope to be in a position to attract funding from some of the more heavyweight funders by the second half of 2022. We remain confident that our project will be seen as attractive by potential funders and that it will be part of a nationwide programme to regenerate society and improve the mental health and morale of young people.



Angus McNicol
on behalf of the Trustees

27 April 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Topsham Adventure Centre

Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Topsham Adventure Centre (the CIO) for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Charity Trustees of the CIO 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 CIO'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 CIO as required by section 30 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.



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3 May 2022

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Receipts and Payments Account

Year ended 31 December 2021

	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Receipts				
Donations	-	42,825	42,825	4,611
Grants	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Fundraising	-	525	124	-
Sundry	-	276	276	341
Total Receipts	-	46,626	46,626	7,952
Administration costs	-	954	954	1,508
Charitable activities	-	-	-	165
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	-	954	954	1,673
Excess of Receipts over Payments	-	45,672	45,672	6,279
Total funds brought forward	5,661	105,468	111,129	104,850
Bank Balance at 31 Dec 2021	5,661	151,140	156,801	111,129

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2021

<i>Current Assets</i>				
Bank Balance at 31 Dec 2021	7,735	149,066	156,801	111,129

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th April 2022 and signed on its behalf by:


Angus McNicol Trustee

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis, and comply with the appropriate legal requirements.