



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 6th April 2020
Period end date

Period start date To 5th April 2021

Charity name: Climate and Community

Charity registration number: 1172500

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

To advance the education and training of the public in the subjects of personal development; and the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by delivering an informal environmental community learning programme.

Aims

The charity by building networks and community relations looks for opportunities to develop and deliver environmental community education. Its aims are:

- 1) To help communities reduce CO2 emissions from how they live
- 2) To help people adapt to changes in their economic and social circumstances in view of climate change.

Objectives

Provide opportunities to learn new skills/knowledge for low Carbon lifestyles.

Provide opportunities for people to learn ways to cooperate and communicate with each other which can facilitate the creation of affinity groups.

Carry out practical skills in the community which will directly assist students in practising their skills e.g. lay a hedge, plant a coppice etc.

The Learning programme is divided into 3 parts:

Part one: Personal Development

- i) Aims to build assertiveness, honest communication and self esteem among active volunteers and the community. Training will follow good practice and in particular with reference to the work of Anne Dickson, Eric Berne, Claude Steiner and Joanna Macy.
- ii) Aims to challenge gender stereotypes and rebalance gender expression through 'learning out of context' 'LOOC' workshops.

Part two: Sustainable Rural Skills

Our message is: Come and See, Come and learn, Come and Practice. We have chosen four key-skill areas to focus on: i) Basketry ii) Hedge laying iii) Coppice Practice iv) Gardening and food growing.

We have focussed on primary industry: food, farming, coppice management, hedging and basketry because this area has the greatest advantages in cutting 'lifestyle emissions', locking up carbon, offering education and skills training for the young and providing local food and materials for low carbon living.

Part three: Climate Change

We aim to deliver community events which help to inform, inspire and create an urgency to act. This will involve films, discussions, talks in a relaxed informal pop up 'cafe' setting.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.

This has been a challenging year for the charity as it has been for beneficiaries, lockdown measures have severely limited our educational and volunteering opportunities. However we have continued our charitable activity through out the year with a much smaller volunteer group. Charity volunteers were legally able to carry on essential works outdoors in a socially distanced way. The main focus has been working on the charity's leased field in Murton.

Broad Park

The charity moved its portable camp in March from Rye ground to Broad Park a 6 acre site in Murton, Swansea. It comprises of a 2.4 acre field and 3.6 acre woodland. The charity has a 10 year lease and agreement to erect a portable skills school and create a no dig carbon negative food growing demonstration plot. This year has included beginning to sort out the site infrastructure including water supply, composting area, compost toilet, bramble clearance, scything grass, felling dangerous trees due to Ash dieback, creating a propagation bed for perennials and planting 14 fruit trees and over 20 nut and forest garden species. A small willow bed has also been planted and two tree swings have been set up for young volunteers. In September 2020 we erected a 18ft yurt for added space for volunteers , earlier we erected two 12x12 military shelters for workshop and storage. Volunteers when working can stay on the site in small numbers using a smaller military shelter. Volunteers have also begun working on digging a trench to install a water supply on the field. Lush charity pot has awarded the charity £5000 for a water connection and secure site container. Welsh Water community fund grant of £500 has also contributed to the water connection.

Volunteering

A small number of committed volunteers have continued to work on Broad Park and Mansel Green as well as carrying out tool maintenance and repair. For short periods we attracted furloughed staff looking for outdoor opportunities. The charity has made a connection with a local group International Soroptomists, a Womens group which carries out philanthropic work in their community. The group paid for 5 fruit trees and three volunteers help plant them. They will continue to assist in their care and harvest in the future. The remainder of the small grants attained from the previous financial year assisted the charity to pay for volunteer costs and materials. Overall our volunteer numbers have dropped and we need to rebuild interest and awareness to recruit more this coming year.

Willow Craft Community Project

Willow craft meetings have been postponed until the COVID restrictions allow, the group stays in touch via email and facebook group. In February 2021 the group cut the community willow bed supported by the charity. The group is still interested and enthusiastic. The Postcode Lottery grant ended in September 2020 due to an extension of 6 months and permission to use remaining funds as Unrestricted. C.£2000 were used for the general overheads of the charity which helped us avoid serious difficulty. In February 2021 the charity assisted two groups Kilvey Hill woodland group and Rosehill Quarry volunteers to plant their own community willow bed. Willow rods cut by the Willowcraft group were given to these neighbouring groups as well as planting advice and borrowing of tools. Volunteers from their groups helped the charity plant a living willow arbour on the field as part of our compost toilet. Each year the group will offer this service to new groups in the area.

Skills Training

No advertised or organised skills training took place this year due to COVID.

Traditional Hazel Basketry Group

From February to April 2020 the charity worked with Swansea University on their Coppice to Copper project. A charity instructor was engaged in teaching students and local residents how to make a traditional Hazel basket used to move coal in early mines in the Swansea valley. During lockdown and assisted by the charity small number of students continued to meet on the field to carry out spoon carving and basket making. This was valuable to the students mental health and well being. The group stopped meeting on the field in September 2020.

Field Yoga

Anna Williams a local yoga teacher volunteered to teach yoga for a small fee from June to October 2020 outside, to our field volunteers. This was very beneficial to volunteers mental health and wellbeing.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have read the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policy on grant making	No grants are given by the charity
Policy on social investment including program related investment	We have no social investment program
Contribution made by volunteers	The charity relies on core volunteers because it has no paid employees. We are not seeking any funding which pays for employees. We are pursuing a policy where we support a committed group of volunteers to work for the charity.

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Volunteering Outcomes for the Community

The charity has continued to facilitate volunteering opportunities during COVID restrictions, this has been a major achievement in itself as well as budgeting and re-organising extended grant packages to enable activity to continue and benefit our beneficiaries. Nature connection and engagement has been an increasing part of people's lives in lockdown. Carrying on and creating a resource for the wider public has and will benefit the wider community. Clear action on the Climate Emergency continues to grow in importance which galvanizes our committed charity volunteers to work incredibly hard to continue a very hard task.

Securing of Lease

The charity has secured a 6acre site in Bishopston as a new base for the portable skills school and carbon negative horticulture project. This allows a progression of the project to develop its infrastructure and create an educational plot for carbon negative horticulture. This lease really underpins the charity's future plans to implement its objectives.

Ongoing Plans

Our priority is to build up volunteer numbers, create social media video to help with this and educate on climate change issues in a comical style. We are also focusing on creating site infrastructure for volunteers and the growing areas. Re-establish organised courses starting with hedgelaying in Autumn 2021. The charity became a member of Swansea Environmental Forum and hopes to positively influence projects and policy around the climate emergency response.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The charity has secured grant funds for infrastructure on our new site. We aim to apply for further small grant funding where necessary
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity does not have a formal reserves policy but we have been working on a funding strategy/reserves policy with help from Fundraising Institute Cymru.
Amount of reserves held	£2126
Reasons for holding zero reserves	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	No

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	<p>We have received two new small grants: The Lush Charity Pot and Welsh Water Community Fund.</p> <p>Restricted funds are as follows:</p> <p>LUSH Charity Pot Receipt: £5000 Total Payments: £3000</p> <p>Community Fund Receipt: £500 Total payments: £498</p> <p>Postcode Lottery Trust gave permission to use the remainder of the Restricted Funds in the Willowcraft project as Unrestricted Funds due to the COVID 19 lockdown. Total Unrestricted Funds transferred: £2103</p> <p>The remainder of 2 small grants received in previous financial year were spent:</p> <p>Community Foundation In Wales Total Payments £204</p> <p>Oakdale Trust Total Payments £305</p>
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	None
Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

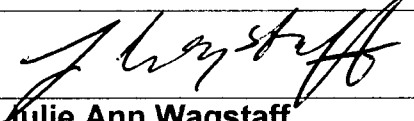
Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Climate and Community
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1172500
Charity's principal address	Y Cwt Hen, Llwyncelyn, Cilgerran, Pembrokeshire SA43 2PE

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)
Robert Hodson Smith	Chairperson		
Emma Manwaring			
Julie Ann Wagstaff	Treasurer/Secretary		

Declaration

Signature(s)	
Full Name(s)	Julie Ann Wagstaff
Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Secretary/Treasurer
Date	04-06-2021



Charity name CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY

Charity number (if any) 11172500

For the period from (start date) 060420

to (end date) 050421

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					
Charitable Activity	19.00	5,500	0	5,519	2061
Activities for generating funds	0	0	0	0	2250
Voluntary Receipts	0	0	0	0	280
Sub total	19.00	5,500	0	5,519	4591
A2 Asset and investment sales, etc	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	19.00	5,500	0	5,519	4591
A3 Payments					
Charitable Activity	3258	4697	0	7955	6109
Fundraising Costs	0	0	0	0	106
Sub total	3258	4697	0	7955	6215
A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc	905	0	0	905	1012
Total payments	4163	4697	0	8860	7227
Net of receipts/(payments)	-4144	803	0	-3341	-2636
A5 Transfers between funds	+2103	-2103	0	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	2041	3426	0	5467	8103
Cash funds this year end	0.0	2126	0	2126	5467

Section B

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
See Annual Report	0	2126	0
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	0	2126	0

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
N/A			

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
N/A			

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
2017-2018 Tools / Equipment	unrestricted	104	
2018-2019 "	unrestricted	674	
2019-2020 "	unrestricted	1012	
2020-2021 "	unrestricted	905	

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
N/A			

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

Signature

Print name

Date of approval

J. Waggstaff

JULES WAGSTAFF

4 June 2021