



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	April	2023		05	April	2024

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name	Climate and Community
Other names charity is known by	None
Registered charity number (if any)	1172500
Charity's principal address	Telephone Exchange, Pier Street Swansea  Postcode SA1 1RY

#### 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	Robert Hodson Smith	Chairperson		
2	Mike Walters			
3	Julie Ann Wagstaff	Treasurer/Secretary		
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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)**

None

## 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)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity 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 is a committee member of Swansea Environmental Forum, Swansea Community Growing Network and Swansea Climate Action Network.

Trustees are made aware of the following Charity Policies: Equal Opportunity, Health and Safety, Conflict of Interest, Financial Management, Volunteers and Safeguarding.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

## Overview

The Charity is concerned with environmental issues such as climate change, its consequences and what we can do about them. We aim to raise awareness and encourage practical action through community educational activities. In three parts: Personal Development, Practical Skills Training and education on Climate Change. We lease a 6 acre site in Murton, Swansea to demonstrate no-dig horticulture.

**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)**

We were successful in securing our third Postcode Lottery grant to deliver our community education learning programme. This included Weekly Volunteer days on Murton field and the delivery of Outreach Training days to other green space groups in Swansea. Those who could benefit from our experience, skills and knowledge on climate science and practical rural skills. This was a grant sum of £13,400 over 18 months. A total of 41 instructed volunteer days have been delivered during the year. Extra volunteer days outside of the main volunteer day were arranged ad hoc as jobs and volunteers were available. The funded regular volunteer days offered a varied and seasonal range of activities on the Charity's field. Wednesdays are our volunteer day, unless it is disrupted by the weather. On average we had around 5 volunteers who visited from Swansea city using the bus service, bicycle or car. Jobs change with the season and included making pegs for tented structures, controlling bramble along the track and field edges as well as general maintenance of structures. Scything the meadow area and creating compost piles is a big job in the summer to improve sward diversity. Woodland management included felling and processing ash dieback trees and tidying branch wood. The weeding of the perennial bed is also a regular volunteer task. All these activities enabled volunteers to practice skills and engage with a simple camp set up in the field using low fossil use and an opportunity to engage with nature and each other especially as we talk about environmental issues globally and locally.

18 outreach/training days took place in particular Kilvey Woodland volunteers benefitted from 2 sessions to assist in developing their basketry skills to enable them to manage their willow bed and teach their local beneficiaries simple willow projects including children and adults. Cae Felin a new local CSA, benefitted from the planning and instruction in establishing a basketry willow bed with volunteers on their growing site. We organised and taught 2 hedge maintenance training days which were well attended. Cae Tan an established CSA in Swansea asked the charity to assess its hedges and suitability for laying. Townhill primary asked us to assess the potential for their yard to be used for a willow growing project. Swansea and Gower Willowcraft group were assisted in skills training and willowbed up-keep. Summit Good a CSA, were instructed on how to make a wreath with their onsite willow. Numerous training days also took place on Murton field including scything training days. We continue to scythe the meadow area, to improve sward diversity and we have noticed more moth activity and small rodent activity. Our beneficiaries include our regular volunteers as well as participants in training events at other green space groups.

Networking events included attending Between the Trees a local small

festival with a thriving craft and environmental space where the charity offered craft workshops and information about our work. We attended Swansea University Go Green week, Swansea Radical Festival, several Bwyd Abertawe (Swansea Local Food Partnership Initiative) gatherings, Go Green week Pier street Party at the Environment Centre and the Green fair at the National Waterfront Museum. We attended monthly Swansea Climate Action Network meetings and a Friends of the Earth Event ran by the Wales region on local climate action.

The trustees have read the guidance on public benefit issued by the charity commission.

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

No grants are given by the charity  
We have no social investment program  
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.

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

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

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

Fundraising effort this year was focussed on a Crowdfunder associated with Aviva Wild Isles, where donated funds were doubled by Aviva. We achieved a total of £13198. This enabled the charity to invest in replacing worn out kit: military off road trailer, 18X24 canvas cover etc collected from Ripley anchor surplus in England. We also invested in the charity's technical capability in the field by buying a site cabin with a generator which will enable welding and metal work repairs as well as the maintenance and repair of chainsaws and other technical kit.

Activities for generating funds included the delivery of skills training to the sum of £3058. This included hosting and providing workshops for Swansea Community Growing Network, hosting the SCGN annual gathering, Coppice training workshop and sharpening workshop for Cae Felin and numerous basketry workshops held in community venues in Swansea. The Charity also provided activities at Warm Hubs including the Environment Centre and West Cross community centre; these were well attended by a diverse group. The sessions were all delivered by volunteers and some volunteer instructor costs were paid. Jules Wagstaff trustee earned £490 and Bob Smith trustee earned £630. We continue to build a reputation with other green space and community groups who call on our services and help.

The charity has written several new policies: Volunteer policy, Conflicts of Interest Policy and a financial management policy. Which is additional to our existing policies: health and Safety, equal Opportunity and safeguarding policy.

Currently the charity is dealing with Swansea Council planning department, in March 2023 we completed a PCN and answered supplementary questions in July and December. In it we explain our work as a charity in the field and its use of temporary structures. In March 2024 we received an Enforcement notice to cease education on the site and remove all associated structures. We have responded by completing an appeal and asking for temporary planning. The planning argument being that the urgency and harm of climate change outweighs the temporary alleged loss in amenity by local residents and the benefits of the charity's education in the field. The trustees believe that any risk in pursuing our work of public benefit in the field using a portable skills school is justified to pioneer and if necessary, expose the barriers to practical action on climate change projects. An example that other groups can learn from.

This year despite the burden of paperwork and dealing with the fallout of the Enforcement teams intervention the Charity has continued its work with beneficiaries and dealt with the paperwork requirements to pursue an appeal. This is a real achievement in itself and whatever the outcome our Charity will maintain its integrity and commitment to its objects and beneficiaries.

## Section E Financial review

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

The charity does not have a formal reserves policy but is working towards a reserve of c.£1000.

### 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 charity has secured grant funds from Post Code Community Trust and earned some income from skills training provided in the community. A crowd funder was successful in providing additional donations.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	J. Wagstaff	
Full name(s)	JULIE ANN WAGSTAFF	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary/Treasurer	
Date	28/01/2024	

# Climate and Community

## Statement of Financial Activities

### For the Year Ended 5th April 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
<b>Incoming resources (Note 4)</b>					
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations and Gifts	10,213	-	-	<b>10,213</b>	2,421
Charitable activities: Training Courses	3,058	-	-	<b>3,058</b>	337
Other trading activities	132	-	-	<b>132</b>	1,160
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	10,230	-	<b>10,230</b>	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,403</b>	<b>10,230</b>	-	<b>23,633</b>	3,918
<b>Resources expended (Note 5)</b>					
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	807
Charitable activities	-	10,230	-	<b>10,230</b>	12,622
Motor Expenses and Fuel Costs	2,637	-	-	<b>2,637</b>	-
Rent Payable	3,200	-	-	<b>3,200</b>	-
Depreciation	1,477	-	-	<b>1,477</b>	-
Other	871	-	-	<b>871</b>	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,185</b>	<b>10,230</b>	-	<b>18,415</b>	13,429
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	5,218	-	-	<b>5,218</b>	9,511
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>5,218</b>	-	-	<b>5,218</b>	9,511
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses):</b>					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>5,218</b>	-	-	<b>5,218</b>	9,511
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward	667	-	-	<b>667</b>	10,178
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>5,885</b>	-	-	<b>5,885</b>	<b>667</b>

# Climate and Community Balance Sheet As At 5th April 2024

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets (Note 6)	4,433	-	-	4,433	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 8)	1,452	3,170	-	4,622	-
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,622</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,170</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Restricted income funds				-	-
Unrestricted funds	5,885		-	5,885	-
<b>Total funds</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,885</b>	<b>-</b>

Julie Wagstaff

Jules Wagstaff (Trustee)

5th April 2025

Bob Smith

Bob Smith (Trustee)

5th April 2025



# Climate and Community Notes to The Accounts For the Year Ended 5th April 2024

## **Note 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION**

### **1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and

### **1.2 Going concern**

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Charity and have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has

## **Note 2 INCOME**

### **2.1 Offsetting**

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

### **2.2 Grants and donations**

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP). In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the

### **2.3 Contractual income and performance related grants**

This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.

### **2.4 Support costs**

The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.

### **2.5 Volunteer help**

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

## **Note 3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES**

### **3.1 Liability recognition**

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the

### **3.2 Grants with performance conditions**

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided,

### **3.3 Grants payable without performance conditions**

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a

### **3.4 Deferred income**

Deferred income represents grants received to fund future expenditure based on the amount received to fund that expenditure.

### **3.5 Provisions for liabilities**

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

## **Note 4 FIXED ASSETS**

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £100.

They are valued at cost and depreciated over 4 years.

## **Note 4 RESTRICTED FUND INCOME**

Grants represent funds from the Post Code Lottery to provide educational workshops. The total funds received of £13,400 cover an 18 month period from June 2023 to November 2024, the amount recognised in the year ending 5th April 2024 of £10,230 (2023 - Nil) represents the costs of the workshops provided in that year.

The balance of £3,170 has been deferred to cover costs of workshops in the next financial year.

## **Note 5 RESTRICTED FUND EXPENDITURE**

Charitable Activity Expenditure represents the costs of providing educational workshops as a condition of the Post Code Lottery grant.

## **Note 5 AMOUNTS PAID TO TRUSTEES / RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

Jules Wagstaff (Trustee) was paid £490 (2023 - Nil) and Bob Smith (Trustee) was paid £630 (2023 - Nil) for their services as instructors during the year.

# Climate and Community Notes to The Accounts For the Year Ended 5th April 2024

## Note 6 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

### 6.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	5,910	-	5,910
At end of the year	-	-	5,910	-	5,910

### 6.2 Depreciation and impairments

	Method		Straight Line 25%	
	Rate			
At beginning of the year		-	-	-
Depreciation		-	1,477	1,477
At end of the year		-	1,477	1,477

### 6.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	4,433	4,433

## Note 7 CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

### 7.1 Analysis of creditors

	Due Within 1 Year		Due After 1 Year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	3,170	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
Total	3,170	-	-	-

### 7.2 Deferred income

	This year £	Last year £
Grants Received during the accounting year for services to be delivered after the end of the accounting year.	3,170	-

### Movement in deferred income account

	This year £	Last year £
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	3,170	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	3,170	-

## Note 8 CASH AT BANK & IN HAND

	This year £	Last year £
Cash at bank and on hand	4,622	667
Other	-	-
Total	4,622	667