



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	April	2024		05	April	2025

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

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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.

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

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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)

The Charity and its volunteers have continued to deliver educational activities in the community which raise awareness and encourage practical action on climate change and environmental engagement. The charity has delivered skills training at 5 Warm Hub sessions with Swansea Environment Centre and West Cross Community Hub, an initiative to provide a warm space, hot drinks and educational/fun activities. 8 Outreach workshops with local Swansea groups included teaching Swansea Community Farm volunteers Austrian scything techniques to control grass and brash and willow skills workshops; which introduced new people to the Charity and engagement with a sustainable practical skill using locally grown materials.

Practical activities on Broad Park continued with volunteers, which included willow cutting, scything the meadow, peg making, creation of a Hugel bed, maintenance of the perennial bed. Broad Park woodland required 8-10 large Ash Dieback trees to be felled and processed by cutting into movable logs and wood chipping or cutting up large branches. The front 30 metres of the roadside hedge was renovated by pollarding and coppicing the remaining trees and re-planting with Hawthorn saplings obtained free from The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), who the Charity are members of.

The Charity has taken up opportunities to feed into consultations and research relating to climate change adaptation and mitigation. This year we have attended the Wales Net Zero 2035 Challenge Group webinar updating on what is required to hit 2035 targets. The 'How Wales Could Feed Itself' report highlights some of the issues the Charity has faced with Swansea Council and its failure to prioritise food security and to positively support groups of all sizes and structures who are working on practical education and engagement to make the 2035 or even 2050 targets happen. The Charity attended a Climate Resilience consultation workshop organised by Swansea Council; local food security issues were highlighted in discussions. Two Charity Trustees took part with in-person research carried out by PhD student Emily Holmes from Swansea University Geography Department to ask climate change

related groups for their experiences, hardships and achievements. The Charity has got involved with the Climate Fresk organisation involved in providing climate change workshops to raise awareness and increase action as well as facilitator training for those wanting to organise their own workshops. Two volunteers from Swansea attended an in person workshop in Cardiff run by Climate Cymru; one volunteer went onto becoming a facilitator in May 2024 and has co-facilitated 3 Climate Fresks in Cardiff and Swansea. The Charity will be organising further Climate Fresks in community venues to build a core group of facilitators to run events. The Charity continues to be invited to the Swansea University Green Week Event and the Great Big Green Week Pier Street Party where Climate Change and biodiversity are the focus and what we can do about them.

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

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The achievement this year is that despite the hardships we are still functioning as a Charity. It has been the most challenging year for the Charity so far as we have had to defend the Charity and its purpose against a small number of vocal locals intent on spreading misinformation and lies. After receiving an Enforcement notice from Swansea planning officers; which was disappointing due to their omission of genuine mediation and a distinct bias against the Charity and its charitable activity. The Charity trustees and volunteers conducted and wrote the case for the appeal; with advice from Planning Aid Wales. This included a request for temporary planning permission for the structures in the field and the educational use. Our appeal was accepted in July 2024 however our request for an inquiry was rejected and a written determination was chosen. The Charity received 39 positive Interested Party submissions from individual beneficiaries, green space groups, a local Community Councillor and Swansea University PhD student. The Charity made a further detailed request with reasons to change the appeal to a Hearing in an attempt to gain a hearing to question the omissions and misinformation presented in the Swansea LPA case for enforcement. This was refused. The compiling and research of the Charity's planning appeal case was incredibly complex and demanding. Because the LPA case described the portable structures as a school and residential development. They also did not describe the charitable activity and plan as being carried out from the portable skills school and described little or no charitable activity was going on on the field. This was very damaging to the Charity's case. And the need for two fulltime volunteers to initially run it was ignored. A site visit took place by the Planning Inspector on 19th November 2024 and a decision was published on 4th December 2024. The appeal failed and the enforcement upheld. The Trustees believe the 'harm' estimated by the planner was exaggerated and not based on the facts we had provided. It also highlighted the need for an inquiry/hearing to clarify the questioned information the Inspectorate relied on.

An Enforcement appeal can be challenged in the High Court under Judicial Review on procedural grounds; but only 28 days are allowed for its submission from the date of the decision. Again the Trustees felt compelled to challenge the decision as the charity now had to cease education and remove all the structures which effectively shuts down the existing project in the field. A claim was submitted within the limitation period at great physical stress. Again

it was a major accomplishment for the trustees to complete the research to compile a case for bias and predetermination and the denial of a fair hearing. However as we were not represented we did not use the correct form and it was twice sent back and not issued by the Administrative Court. However the contents requirements for the claim set out by CPR 54D were complied with. At this point the Trustees and volunteers were exhausted and could not continue the case. As it turns out a small charity does not have equality of arms to challenge an Enforcement appeal and receive a fair impartial hearing. The safeguard to defend peoples Human Right to a fair hearing and ability to challenge procedural bias and predetermination in the planning system is not available to us. Despite the injustice.

As a small Charity our major achievement is that we have challenged the planning law to assess the public interest and harm by considering the oncoming climate risks especially food insecurity as a material consideration when assessing the planning 'balance'. Unfortunately the oncoming climate risks are not given sufficient priority which explains why the likes of Baroness Brown the Chair of the Climate Change Adaptation Committee believes climate changes is not being taken seriously on all levels of government with regards to policy.

Our case is not isolated.

Despite this oppressive process the Charity has continued its charitable activity and benefit and will continue to represent appropriate climate adaptation and education in the community wherever it finds the opportunity to do so.

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 unrestricted grant funds from Lush Retail LTD and EUI Ltd. Some income from skills training provided in the community.

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	RA.Smith
Full name(s)	JULIE ANN WAGSTAFF	ROBERT ANTHONY SMITH
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary/Treasurer	Chairperson
Date	20/12/2025	

Climate and Community

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Year Ended 5th April 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Prior year funds £
Incoming resources (Note 2)					
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and Gifts	60	-	-	60	10,213
Charitable activities: Training Courses	3,400	-	-	3,400	3,058
Other trading activities	58	-	-	58	132
Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	3,000	3,170	-	6,170	10,230
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	6,518	3,170	-	9,688	23,633
Resources expended (Note 3)					
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	2,242	3,170	-	5,412	10,230
Motor Expenses and Fuel Costs	1,285	-	-	1,285	2,637
Rent Payable	660	-	-	660	3,200
Depreciation	1,477	-	-	1,477	1,477
Other	-	-	-	-	871
Total	5,664	3,170	-	8,834	18,415
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)					
	854	-	-	854	5,218
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	854	-	-	854	5,218
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):					
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	854	-	-	854	5,218
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward	5,885	-	-	5,885	667
Total funds carried forward	6,739	-	-	6,739	5,885

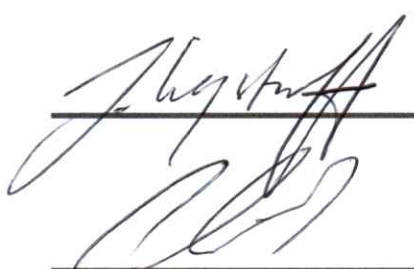
Climate and Community Balance Sheet As At 5th April 2025

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets (Note 8)	2,955	-	-	2,955	4,433
Total fixed assets	2,955	-	-	2,955	4,433
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 10)	3,784	-	-	3,784	4,622
Total current assets	3,784	-	-	3,784	4,622
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year (Note 7)	-	-	-	-	3,170
Net current assets/(liabilities)	3,784	-	-	3,784	1,452
Total assets less current liabilities	6,739	-	-	6,739	5,885
Total net assets or liabilities	6,739	-	-	6,739	5,885
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	-	-	-	-	-
Unrestricted funds	6,739	-	-	6,739	5,885
Total funds	6,739	-	-	6,739	5,885

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

Print Name

Date of approval
dd/mm/yyyy



J. WRAGSTAFF 30/01/2026

R.A. SMITH 30/01/2026

**Climate and Community
Notes to The Accounts
For the Year Ended 5th April 2025**

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 Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the Charity and have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements continue to be prepared on the going concern basis.

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 specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).

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 charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

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 liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

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 5 RESTRICTED FUND INCOME

November 2024, the amount recognised in the year ending 5th April 2025 of £3,170 (2024 - £10,230) represents the costs of the workshops provided in that year having been deferred from the previous year.

Note 6 RESTRICTED FUND EXPENDITURE

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

Note 7 AMOUNTS PAID TO TRUSTEES / RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Jules Wagstaff (Trustee) was paid £570 (2024 - £490) and Bob Smith was paid £50 (2024 - £630) for their services as instructors during the year.

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Note 8 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

8.1 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	-	-	5,910	-	5,910
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	5,910	-	5,910

8.2 Depreciation and impairments

	Method		Straight Line 25%	
	Rate			
At beginning of the year	-	-	1,477	-
Depreciation	-	-	1,478	-
At end of the year	-	-	2,955	-

8.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	4,433	-	4,433
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	2,955	-	2,955

Note 9 CREDITORS & ACCRUALS

9.1 Analysis of creditors

	This year £	Last year £
Accruals and deferred income	-	3,170
Other creditors	-	-
Total	-	3,170

9.2 Deferred income

	This year £	Last year £
<i>Grants Received during the accounting year for services to be delivered after the end of the accounting year.</i>	0	3,170

Movement in deferred income account

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

Note 10 CASH AT BANK & IN HAND

	This year £	Last year £
Cash at bank and on hand	3,784	4,622
Other	-	-
Total	3,784	4,622