

Outdoor Mobility

England & Wales · Charity number 1172739

Details

Other names	LAKE DISTRICT MOBILITY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-04-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY BY THE PROVISION OF SUITABLE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES SO THAT THEY CAN ACCESS THE COUNTRYSIDE AND TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE ISSUES FACED BY PEOPLE WITH LIMITED MOBILITY

Activities: Providing specialist 'all-terrain' mobility scooters to outdoor businesses and attractions to improve access to the countryside, for people with limited or restricted disability.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Cumbria
- North Yorkshire
- Northumberland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£151,300	£61,909	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,845	£52,894	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,209	£30,565	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,968	£72,440	-	-
2021-03-31	£45,533	£27,046	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gemma Amy Procter	Chair	2023-05-11
Andrea Waite		2023-12-13
Anthony Michael Jennings		2023-10-17
Catherine Beddows		2026-04-28
Lorraine Smyth		2019-02-28
Peter Anthony Wilmot		2026-04-28

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Annual Report 1st April 2024 – 31st March 2025

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of Outdoor Mobility
a charitable incorporated organisation.

A Charity registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales.
Registered Charity no: 1172739.

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Trustees: Gemma Procter (Chair), Lorraine Smyth, Anthony Jennings and Andrea
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Letter from the Chairperson, Gemma Procter

It has been fantastic to see Outdoor Mobility continue to thrive in 2025. We dedicated time to improving our internal processes and our offer for our members and were rewarded with significant growth in members and Trampler usage.

This year:

- Our network of Trampers continued to grow to 20 partner sites offering 25 Trampers in total
- Our membership grew by 54%
- We increased the number of user sessions by 65% with our community enjoying over 2800 Trampler sessions

This would not have been achievable without support and funding from Avanti West Coast CCIF, National Lottery Community Fund, Walney Extension Fund, The GC Gibson Charitable Trust, the Hadfield Trust, Onestop Community partnership and the Community Impact Fund: Cumbria Soaring Club.

We owe them a debt of gratitude, alongside our sites, members, and donors for their constant and continued support.

Once again, our dedicated and hardworking team has enabled the charity to flourish and grow, whilst keeping our members at the heart of what we do. I'd like to personally thank every team member for their energy, commitment, and consistency in driving the charity forward. I would also like to thank our trustees for their continued dedication and valued contributions.

Thank you all for another excellent year. I look forward to another year of enabling more people to access amazing places in 2026 with you all.



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Objectives

The objectives of the charity are to relieve the needs of people with limited mobility by the provision of suitable equipment and facilities so that they can access the countryside and to raise awareness of the issues faced by people with limited mobility.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. The trustees believe that the activities undertaken during the year have provided clear and identifiable public benefit and have contributed to the achievement of the charity's charitable objectives.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission. Its governing document is its constitution dated 31 December 2018.

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the trustees who are elected under the terms set out in the constitution. Trustees are recruited based on skillset requirements.



Current team: staff, trustees and volunteers

Phil Wake remains our Development Officer, Trella Javanainen as the Operations Officer and Penny Swann as our Bids and Trusts Officer. We have also gained Vikki Holliday as Administration and Membership Officer. Gemma Procter chairs the trustee team comprising of Anthony Jennings, Andrea Waite and Lorraine Smyth. Julia Walker stepped down from her role as trustee during this



reporting period. Carl Waite, Andrea's partner, volunteered his time and graphic design expertise to refresh our branding and to design our new leaflet, reducing its production costs to just the printing.

Tramper usage

This year we had 20 active partner sites, offering between them 25 Trampers. The Trampers were used for a total of 2,890 sessions by users across the network. This is a 65% increase from the previous year and shows the increasing reach of the charity. By the end of the year there were 1270 annual members of the Outdoor Mobility Scheme, a 54% increase from the previous year.

Listening to our membership

We ask all our Tramper users to complete a follow-up feedback form after their Tramper adventure; and 676 people responded to our feedback between 1 April 2024 and 31 March 2025.

We also run an online members' meeting, allowing members to join us to discuss in more detail how they are finding the scheme, giving their ideas, and making their voices heard. The meeting held in November 2024 was widely attended by our members, with one participant joining us from Canada! We invited one of our members, Danny Fyles, to share his experiences of using the Trampers. He did so,



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providing us with a wonderful, illustrated presentation of his trips at various Trampler locations.

In feedback forms, 94% reported being 'very satisfied' with their experience of the natural environment.

96.5% of people said they would be very likely to recommend the scheme.



When asked what improvements could be made, of those who commented, 26% responded positively. Many describe the scheme as 'perfect', with no improvements needed. Forty-seven per cent of respondents to our feedback had no comment as to how we could improve the scheme.

As in previous years, the most common request was for Trampers to be made available at more venues. A small but significant number (3%) of people specifically mentioned having two Trampers available at more sites.

Our members show a high level of psychological ownership in the scheme, and as such have made many suggestions for longer and more varied routes, and suggestions for improved signage and route maps. Twenty-seven per cent of comments –related to site facilities, staff, and booking slots: including parking availability and seating along the route. Although these elements are mainly in the control of the sites themselves (and we always share this feedback for consideration), we can work on providing clarity, and will be making updates to our website to ensure that facilities information is as clear as possible for each location.



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Seventeen people commented negatively on our online registration and booking process, expressing a preference to book offline. The addition of our Administration and Membership Officer, Vikki, has meant an increase in support for those members struggling with registration and booking online, and we continue to offer manual registration over the phone to those who have problems with the online systems.

Here are just some of the comments our members have left:

'I love the outdoors and with the onset of my recent mobility difficulties I did wonder if I would be able to enjoy the great outdoors with family and friends. The Tramper was absolutely brilliant and enabled me to participate in a great day out with friends and enjoy some of the fantastic views the Lake District has to offer.'

'Fantastic way for myself as a young person that's not mobile. Enjoyed the trip so much, staff really helpful service is 10/10.'

'A chance to be out and about enjoying the company of family and taking in the views of the area, something which can't be done if the furthest you can go is to a bench in a car park. Loved it!'

'it is liberating not only for me but also my partner who would otherwise be restricted to my very limited mobility range.'



'The mental health benefits of getting out in the fresh air, it gives me freedom, and I am so grateful.'



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Impact of funding

With the support of the following funders, we have been able to develop several new sites to expand our network and to develop our service.

Avanti West Coast CCIF



We were delighted to be successful in our bid to Avanti West Coast's Customer & Communities Improvement Fund, which aims to support schemes which bring benefits to the stations and the communities surrounding the Avanti West Coast route. Our project was to create two new Outdoor Mobility Trumper sites, within reach of the West Coast Mainline by public transport including train, bus, and taxi; working with Avanti to promote sustainable, accessible tourism in this area.

The funding supported staff development time to identify partners and set up new Trumper schemes, the purchase of two new Trampers, and marketing work to promote our scheme: including a promotional leaflet which was distributed by an external agency as well as being sent to our current sites. We also worked with Avanti to create a promotional video about the project which they shared.

Phil, our Development Officer, investigated a number of potential sites around the area; exploring different routes and meeting with potential partners. As a result of this work and this funding, two brand new sites will be launched during 2025/6.



National Lottery Community Fund

We began the second year of our grant from The National Lottery Community Fund with six Cumbria hire sites, and an agreement that the scope of the grant would now reach across the North of England, based on the growth of our scheme to include areas outside of Cumbria.

With support from the National Lottery Community Fund, we developed three new sites in the North of England.

- Howick Gardens, Northumberland
- Himalayan Gardens, Ripon, Yorkshire
- Harewood House, North Yorkshire (opening Summer 2025)



Walney Extension Community Fund

With the support of the Walney Extension Community Fund, we were able to open a new site at the Ravensglass and Eskdale Railway: the funding allowed us to buy a new Tramper and to dedicate some staff time to developing this new site. Staff at the site were trained in the summer of 2024 and, after a slight delay due to staffing changes and winter closure, Tramper bookings became available in the spring of 2025. The Tramper has been in steady use since then.

The GC Gibson Charitable Trust

This capital grant part-funded the capital purchase of a new Tramper for a new site at Harewood House.

Hadfield Trust

We were grateful to receive during the year a grant of £2,500 towards staff time to support the day-to-day running of the Cumbrian sites.



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Onestop Community Partnership

We received a grant of £1,000 from the One Stop Community Partnership, towards repairs and maintenance of Trampers.

Community Impact Fund award from the Cumbria Soaring Club

This community grant bought raincapes for the Trampers at Cumbria Trumper sites.

Work with existing partners

Delamere Forest, Cheshire

Following work begun the previous year, the site staff at Delamere were trained in July 2024. Originally, one Trumper was made available, which enabled visitors to explore the forest and the family trail and to visit the top of the Old Pale Hill with magnificent views of the surrounding 7 counties. This popular and busy site has since expanded their offer to two Trampers to meet the demand.



North York Moors National Park

We have continued working closely with the North York Moors National Park Authority in exploring and developing Trumper opportunities across the national park. As a result, we were pleased to launch a new Trumper service at Danby Lodge National Park Visitor Centre in August 2024. We carried out assessments at Summerfield Farm near Whitby and of an extended route at Keldy Forest, an existing partner site. We also joined our national park

partners at the Farndale Daffodil Walk to consider ways to deliver pop-up Trumper provision in the region.



North Pennines National Landscapes (North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

Work with our partners at North Pennines National Landscapes also continues and we delivered refresher staff training at High Force Hotel to a receptive and positive team.

Northumberland

Work in Northumberland continued with an assessment at Walltown Country Park where two staff training sessions were conducted on the same day. Following an assessment at Belsay Hall and Gardens in the previous year, this English Heritage site launched their Trampler scheme with two vehicles on offer.



The Lakes

Fell Foot Park by the lake Windermere carried out a busy and successful four-week Trampler trial in the summer of 2024. After discussions with National Trust, however, we have since then withdrawn the Trampler from Fell Foot, as a challenging staffing situation has made it difficult for the team at the site to commit to a long-term Trampler service.

Marketing and communications

We were incredibly proud to be highly commended in Cumbria Tourism's Awards 2024 in the Accessible and Inclusive Tourism Award category. This acknowledgement of our work was made possible by the enthusiasm of our members and the hard work of our partners, for which we are grateful. We are also very excited to see accessible tourism recognised and celebrated!



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We supported promotional activities carried out by Cumbria Tourism and Visit England through the summer. This included a photocall with one of our younger members enjoying a Trammer trip at Grizedale Forest. We have put the resulting photos to good use as they so effectively capture the joys of being outdoors.

Outdoor Mobility was featured by Carrie-Ann Lightley, a disabled travel writer creating accessible travel content, in partnership with North Pennines National Landscapes. We have also been featured by on-line influencers, Life of Pippa and Wheely Good Life.

We have increased our social media presence, starting with a regular site of the week feature on Facebook, X and Instagram.

We also delivered talks at Kendal Mountain Tour at Rheged, Penrith, and at the meeting of Raughtonhead and District WI, where Trella got to judge their walking stick competition.





Team development

As well as working to place Trampers with the help of the funding we received from Avanti and National Lottery Community Fund, the team has also had the quality of its service and long-term sustainability in keen focus. Some of this development work was directly supported with funding from both organisations.

We continue to collaborate with Countryside Mobility in the south-west of England. This relationship provides both charities great opportunities for learning and sharing best practice, as well as a sounding board for problem solving. Phil and Trella held an online meeting with Neil Warren, the manager of Countryside Mobility in April. This was followed by a visit to Malvern Hills in September, to shadow Neil on a site assessment and to examine in greater detail on some of the elements of the scheme delivery. These discussions have helped us inform our ongoing work in improving the support and tools we provide to our partners.

Outdoor Mobility held two Away Days, bringing together staff and trustees, face to face, in October 2024 and February 2025. These days offer the full team an opportunity to assess long-term challenges and opportunities the charity faces, and to build strategies to make sure that we can continue to meet our objective of making amazing places accessible.





Plans for the future

We plan to maintain and grow our Trumper network over the coming year, working with our current sites and other interested venues on increasing access to the outdoors. We will focus on providing a quality service to users and to sites, growing our membership. We will seek funding to continue this work as well as growing our earned income to sustain our efforts to make amazing places accessible.

Financial review

Reserves policy

The Trustees have identified the following priorities for our reserves:

- To maintain six months running costs
- To maintain and repair our Trumper vehicles as they age
- To cover income shortfalls

Our policy is to maintain six months of operating reserves (£38,500) to ensure financial stability, cover essential overheads, and provide an emergency buffer. While we ended the year with a strong cash position, this reflects a high level of development funding in this period rather than recurring income.

The table below models projected fleet repairs over the next three years, including battery replacements and mid-life refurbishments for older Trampers. These figures cover maintenance only and not the capital cost of replacing a vehicle in the event of total failure.

Predicted repair/ refurbishments costs –

Year 1	16,400
Year 2	12,685
Year 3	14,810



Reserves at the year-end totalled £189,118 including £58,823 restricted reserves. Free reserves were £61,591; our tangible fixed assets (primarily Trumper vehicles) had a net book value on 31 March 2025 of £68,704.

Free reserves (end March 2025)	61,591
Of which: reserves target of six months running costs	38,500
Designated funds for repairs and/ or replacement	23,091

We will keep our reserves policy and the level of reserves held under review, and monitor the level of reserves held throughout the year to establish the reason for any significant difference with the target level set. If reserves during the year are below target or exceed target, we will consider whether this is due to a short-term situation or a longer-term issue, and take any appropriate action.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Gemma Procter



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Walney Extension
Community Fund



The
Hadfield
Trust



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Registration number: 1172739

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2025



Outdoor Mobility

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Outdoor Mobility

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Outdoor Mobility
Charity registration number	1172739
Principal office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Registered office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Trustees	G Procter, chair L Smyth J Walker (resigned 5 December 2024) A Jennings A Waite
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

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Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Outdoor Mobility**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 16.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Martin Borradaile FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

13 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	1,884	117,844	119,728
Investments	3	232	-	232
Charitable activities	4	31,340	-	31,340
Other	5	-	-	325
Total income		<u>33,456</u>	<u>117,844</u>	<u>151,300</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		22,387	39,522	61,909
Total expenditure		<u>22,387</u>	<u>39,522</u>	<u>61,909</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		11,069	78,322	89,391
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds		20,609	(20,609)	-
Net movements in funds		31,678	57,713	89,391
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		98,617	1,110	99,727
Total funds carried forward		<u>130,295</u>	<u>58,823</u>	<u>99,727</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		68,704		57,579
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,972		672	
Cash at bank and in hand		127,628		48,102	
		<u>132,600</u>		<u>48,774</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	13	<u>(12,186)</u>		<u>(6,626)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>120,414</u>		<u>42,148</u>
Net assets			<u><u>189,118</u></u>		<u><u>99,727</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds					
			58,823		1,110
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>130,295</u>		<u>98,617</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>189,118</u></u>		<u><u>99,727</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 13 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



G Procter
Trustee

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance basis
Office equipment	20% straight line basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Appeals and donations	1,884	-	1,884	1,347
Grants				
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
National Lottery	-	48,100	48,100	26,420
Magic Little Grants	-	-	-	500
The Rank Foundation	-	-	-	850
Avanti	-	49,500	49,500	-
The G C Gibson charitable trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Walney Extension Community Fund	-	11,464	11,464	-
Groundwork UK	-	1,000	1,000	-
Cumbria Soaring Club	-	280	280	-
The Hadfield Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,500	-
Other grants	-	-	-	2,000
	-	117,844	117,844	31,770
	1,884	117,844	119,728	33,117

Of the donations and legacies income in 2024, £1,347 related to unrestricted funds and £31,770 related to restricted funds.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest on cash deposits	232	-	232	115

All of the investment income in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Site assessments	1,300	-	1,300	3,050
Lease agreement income	7,376	-	7,376	9,265
Managed and affiliate fees	4,434	-	4,434	4,808
Membership fees	17,896	-	17,896	8,965
Travel costs	334	-	334	-
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	-	-	200
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Cumbria Soaring Club Community Impact Fund - Grant monies awarded to fund the purchase of rain covers for the Trampers.

The GC Gibson Charitable Trust - Grant monies awarded to partly fund the purchase of a new Tramper.

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Prior period

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Renewals	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	76,726	28,075	(25,584)	14,400	93,617
Restricted Funds					
Tramper purchase fund	16,050	2,850	-	(18,900)	-
National Lottery	-	26,420	(25,310)	-	1,110
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Magic Little Grants	-	500	-	(500)	-
	<u>16,050</u>	<u>31,770</u>	<u>(28,310)</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>1,110</u>
	<u>92,776</u>	<u>59,845</u>	<u>(52,894)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,727</u>

17 Transfers

The transfers represent restricted funds received to purchase fixed assets. Once the assets were purchased the original restriction on the funds was met and the assets were therefore transferred to unrestricted funds, to reflect the fact they are unrestricted in use.

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18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	68,704	-	68,704	57,579
Current assets	73,777	58,823	132,600	48,774
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(12,186)	-	(12,186)	(6,626)
Net assets	<u>130,295</u>	<u>58,823</u>	<u>189,118</u>	<u>99,727</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	55,579	-	57,579	44,790
Current assets	47,664	1,110	48,774	55,803
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(6,626)	-	(6,626)	(7,817)
Net assets	<u>98,617</u>	<u>1,110</u>	<u>99,727</u>	<u>92,776</u>

Outdoor Mobility

Registration number: 1172739

Annual Report and Financial Statements

31 March 2025



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Outdoor Mobility

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Outdoor Mobility
Charity registration number	1172739
Principal office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Registered office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Trustees	G Procter, chair L Smyth J Walker (resigned 5 December 2024) A Jennings A Waite
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

Outdoor Mobility

Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Outdoor Mobility**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 4 to 16.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Martin Borradaile FCA
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

13 January 2026

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	1,884	117,844	119,728
Investments	3	232	-	232
Charitable activities	4	31,340	-	31,340
Other	5	-	-	325
Total income		<u>33,456</u>	<u>117,844</u>	<u>151,300</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		22,387	39,522	61,909
Total expenditure		<u>22,387</u>	<u>39,522</u>	<u>61,909</u>
Net incoming resources before transfers		11,069	78,322	89,391
Transfers				
Gross transfers between funds		20,609	(20,609)	-
Net movements in funds		31,678	57,713	89,391
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		98,617	1,110	99,727
Total funds carried forward		<u>130,295</u>	<u>58,823</u>	<u>189,118</u>

The notes on pages 6 to 16 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Outdoor Mobility
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		68,704		57,579
Current assets					
Debtors	12	4,972		672	
Cash at bank and in hand		127,628		48,102	
		<u>132,600</u>		<u>48,774</u>	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	13	<u>(12,186)</u>		<u>(6,626)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>120,414</u>		<u>42,148</u>
Net assets			<u><u>189,118</u></u>		<u><u>99,727</u></u>
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds					
			58,823		1,110
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			<u>130,295</u>		<u>98,617</u>
Total charity funds			<u><u>189,118</u></u>		<u><u>99,727</u></u>

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 13 January 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



G Procter
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

Income and endowments

Donations and legacies including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract or where entitlement to grant funding is subject to specific performance conditions. Grant income included in this category provides funding to support programme activities and is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

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Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance basis
Office equipment	20% straight line basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and legacies				
Appeals and donations	1,884	-	1,884	1,347
Grants				
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
National Lottery	-	48,100	48,100	26,420
Magic Little Grants	-	-	-	500
The Rank Foundation	-	-	-	850
Avanti	-	49,500	49,500	-
The G C Gibson charitable trust	-	5,000	5,000	-
The Walney Extension Community Fund	-	11,464	11,464	-
Groundwork UK	-	1,000	1,000	-
Cumbria Soaring Club	-	280	280	-
The Hadfield Charitable Trust	-	2,500	2,500	-
Other grants	-	-	-	2,000
	-	117,844	117,844	31,770
	1,884	117,844	119,728	33,117

Of the donations and legacies income in 2024, £1,347 related to unrestricted funds and £31,770 related to restricted funds.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Interest on cash deposits	232	-	232	115

All of the investment income in 2024 related to unrestricted funds.

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4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Charitable activities				
Site assessments	1,300	-	1,300	3,050
Lease agreement income	7,376	-	7,376	9,265
Managed and affiliate fees	4,434	-	4,434	4,808
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National Lottery - This is a 3 year grant agreement to support a project aiming to build capacity, adding to the tramper network to create 11 sites in total in Cumbria, funding the cost of development work in order to grow the fleet to a more financially self-sustaining level. The project will enable Outdoor Mobility to continue to work to create opportunities for people with limited mobility to enjoy the social, physical and mental health benefits of being in the outdoors.

Avanti - Working with Avanti West Coast to promote sustainable, accessible tourism through two new off-road mobility scooter schemes helping disabled people with opportunities to access the great outdoors and get into the countryside with family and friends.

The Walney Extension Community Fund - Grant awarded to fund a Tramper scheme for Ravenglass, at the Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway.

One Stop Community Partnership - This fund relates to a grant awarded to cover tramper repair costs, expiring in August 2025.

Cumbria Soaring Club Community Impact Fund - Grant monies awarded to fund the purchase of rain covers for the Trampers.

The GC Gibson Charitable Trust - Grant monies awarded to partly fund the purchase of a new Tramper.

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Prior period

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Renewals	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	76,726	28,075	(25,584)	14,400	93,617
Restricted Funds					
Tramper purchase fund	16,050	2,850	-	(18,900)	-
National Lottery	-	26,420	(25,310)	-	1,110
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Magic Little Grants	-	500	-	(500)	-
	<u>16,050</u>	<u>31,770</u>	<u>(28,310)</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>1,110</u>
	<u>92,776</u>	<u>59,845</u>	<u>(52,894)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,727</u>

17 Transfers

The transfers represent restricted funds received to purchase fixed assets. Once the assets were purchased the original restriction on the funds was met and the assets were therefore transferred to unrestricted funds, to reflect the fact they are unrestricted in use.

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18 Net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2025	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	68,704	-	68,704	57,579
Current assets	73,777	58,823	132,600	48,774
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(12,186)	-	(12,186)	(6,626)
Net assets	<u>130,295</u>	<u>58,823</u>	<u>189,118</u>	<u>99,727</u>

Prior period

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	55,579	-	57,579	44,790
Current assets	47,664	1,110	48,774	55,803
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(6,626)	-	(6,626)	(7,817)
Net assets	<u>98,617</u>	<u>1,110</u>	<u>99,727</u>	<u>92,776</u>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1172739

Accounts

Outdoor Mobility
Registration number: 1172739
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Outdoor Mobility
Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Outdoor Mobility
Charity registration number	1172739
Principal office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Registered office	Derwent House Wakefield Road COCKERMOUTH CA13 0HS
Trustees	A Jones, Chair (resigned 31 March 2024) G Procter, chair from 31/03/2024 (appointed 11 May 2023) L Smyth N Lancaster (resigned 31 December 2023) J Walker (appointed 13 December 2023) A Jennings (appointed 13 December 2023) A Waite (appointed 13 December 2023)
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ
Accountant	Dodd & Co Limited FIFTEEN Rosehill Montgomery Way Rosehill Estate CARLISLE CA1 2RW

Outdoor Mobility

Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Introduction

Dear Reader,

2023-2024 was another excellent year for us. Despite being a small charity, we have continued to grow and hit some impressive milestones. In light of our growth, we'd like you to join us in welcoming a new starter, Vikki to the team who is currently helping with our member communications.

Some of my personal highlights from our activity this year include:

- Introducing 9 new Trampler sites.
- Growing our membership base by 100%.
- Expanding our geographical reach to North Pennines and Cheshire, making even more of the outdoors accessible to our members.

As always, we must extend our gratitude to our funders during this year: the National Lottery Community Fund, Cumbria Community Foundation, Pebbles Rank Foundation, and Magic Little Grants; as well as to our sites, members and donors, including Keswick Lions, for their constant and continued support.

I would like to thank our trustees for their continued dedication. Our success is also directly linked to the hard work of our team. We have made extraordinary progress this year, and I'd like to personally thank every team member for their energy, commitment and consistency in driving the charity forward.

This year, our plans include:

- Teaming up with Avanti to deliver Trampler access linked to train stations.
- Further developing our technology to better support our sites and members.
- Increasing usage of our current network of sites through awareness raising.

Thank you all for another excellent year. I look forward to continuing to break down barriers to accessing some of the North's amazing places in 2025 with you all.



Chairperson, Gemma Procter

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Making Amazing Places Accessible

Vision

Outdoor Mobility exists to make amazing places accessible. We want to break down the barriers that prevent people with limited mobility enjoying the great outdoors either independently or with their friends and family.

Mission

We will work to meet the needs of people with limited mobility by the provision of Trampler all-terrain mobility scooters available to hire at outdoor locations in Northern England: wherever need, demand, and our capacity allows. We also assess locations for accessibility and offer advice to make the outdoors accessible to all.

Values

We do all this by working to these values:

- Community
- Integrity
- Freedom to Choose
- Ambition

Our team

Staff

Our staff team remained unchanged in 2023-2024 with Phil Wake as our Development Officer, Trella Javanainen as the Operations Officer and Penny Swann as our Bids and Trusts Officer.

Trustees

We have seen some changes to our board of trustees. Tony Jennings joined the team in October 2023. Tony is the Travel Hero for the Campaign for Better Transport, which promotes sustainable accessible transport in the Lake District. With his knowledge of the transport industry, he has been instrumental in helping us secure funding to sustain our work.

Andrea Waite and Julia Walker also joined our board in December 2023. Andrea has lived experience of limited mobility and a deep understanding of safeguarding matters. Julia is, of course, Outdoor Mobility's founder and former manager. We are thrilled that she has taken on a trustee role, enabling us to benefit from her knowledge and experience of the charity.

Nick Lancaster stepped down as trustee in December 2023. We thank him for his invaluable guidance and business acumen in his role as a trustee of the charity. Finally, Aidie Jones, our original chair of trustees, began the process of stepping down in the new year with Gemma Procter appointed as the chairperson in the spring of 2024. Aidie has been Outdoor Mobility's steering influence since the charity was founded and we are grateful for the endless hours of time, efforts and wisdom he has given us.

Trampler usage

Membership

Our membership (and membership revenue) has grown significantly since 2022-2023:

	31/03/2024	31/03/2023
Annual Member	823	402
Tasters	651	421
Singles introduced	193	n/a

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Tramper bookings

Outdoor Mobility members took Trampers out on 1,701 confirmed bookings in the year 2023-2024. The bookings were spread out as follows:

Lake District:	23/24	22/23
Derwent Water/Theatre by The Lake (since end of November 2023)	50	n/a
Grizedale Forest	185	55
Langdale	265	230
Sizergh National Trust (2 Trampers from March 2024)	223	3
Whinlatter Forest	378	339
Wray Castle National Trust (since February 2023)	30	n/a

North York Moors:	23/24	22/23
Cropton Forest	137	31
Dalby Forest	118	23
Keldy Forest (since June 2023)	49	n/a
Ravenscar National Trust (only available Fridays)	13	9
Scarborough Castle (since October 2023)	8	n/a
Sutton Bank (2 Trampers since mid-June 2023)	120	55

North Pennines:	23/24	22/23
<i>Sites in the North Pennines began taking Tramper bookings in July 2023. Killhope Museum is now closed for restoration.</i>		
Bowlees	37	n/a
Derwent Reservoir	15	n/a
High Force Waterfall	49	n/a
Killhope Museum (closed through winter/spring)	6	n/a
Talkin Tarn (weekends only until September 2023, then 5 days/week from December 2023)	18	n/a

What our members say

We ask our members feedback on their experience after each Tramper booking. In 2023-2024 we received altogether 493 feedback submissions with many helpful comments. Full questionnaire can be found on our website at www.outdoormobility.org/give-feedback. Here is a summary of the answers we received to the question "how could we improve the scheme". Percentages are approximate.

How could we improve the scheme?

Happily, 16% of those who commented said there was nothing to improve.

More routes and Trampers

26% of those who left a comment asked for more sites, more routes or a greater variety of routes to be made accessible by a Tramper. 7% specifically asked that more sites would have two Trampers to enable couples/friends with mobility difficulties to visit the outdoors together. More and more sites are now also interested in offering two Trampers, rather than one, and we work with sites and funders to try and facilitate this where possible.

Site facilities and staff

13% had comments on the facilities or staff interactions on sites. Areas of improvement included signage and route instructions, comments on the routes such as need for more seating or wider paths, as well as location of accessible parking. Where issues are identified with routes and signage, we work with sites to address them, while comments on facilities, such as seating, are passed to sites' consideration. Many commented on how helpful, friendly and knowledgeable the staff are, but some training gaps, such as staff knowledge of the route, have been identified and addressed at staff training sessions.

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Promotion

5% of suggestions were for Outdoor Mobility to promote the scheme more and to make it better known. We have since then factored the need for extra resources for promotion into funding bids and work plans.

Our website and booking system

5% commented on the difficulties in making online bookings and 3% of comments highlighted gaps in the information we present on our website. Improving our website is an ongoing process, as we respond to both our members' and our partner sites' needs while trying to ensure that we provide accurate and adequate information for the convenience of our members. We appreciate that many of our members are not comfortable in the online world. Therefore, making the booking process easier is core in all the improvements we make on the website. We have now introduced a walk-in facility, which allows sites to book in a Trampler user without prior booking. We are also finding ways to support our members over the phone when the online system proves insurmountable.

Growing and developing the charity

Working with new partners

Following assessments of sites in the North Pennines Natural Landscapes in the winter of 2023, we delivered a group staff training session to staff of Bowlees Visitor Centre, Derwent Waterside Park, High Force Hotel and Killhope Mining Museum in April. The training day was hosted by Northumbrian Water, who manage Derwent Waterside Park, at one of their facilities. An assessment was also made of the route at Talkin Tarn Country Park near Brampton in April, followed by staff training sessions in May and November. Trampler bookings at these five new North Pennine sites went live in July 2023.

We were excited to start working with English Heritage Trust by carrying out a Trampler route assessment at Scarborough Castle in April. Training took place in September and bookings at this site went live in October. We followed this by an assessment at Belsay Hall in Northumberland in February. The Trampler allows visitors to explore 30 acres of varied gardens and to visit the medieval castle on the grounds.

We carried out an assessment at Aysgarth Falls, Yorkshire Dales Visitor Centre in August 2023. Although the Visitor Centre does not participate in the Outdoor Mobility scheme at this point, we were happy to give them the support they needed to get started.

Work with Wray Castle National Trust began in May, followed by an assessment in July. Trampler was delivered in October and staff trained in November. Bookings started in February 2024 at this popular site and the Trampler has been in regular use since then.

We were excited to secure the support of Keswick Lions to make a Trampler available at the Theatre By The Lake at Derwentwater in Keswick. Keswick Lions made a substantial financial contribution towards the cost of setting up a Trampler scheme at this popular and busy location. We carried out a damp October assessment of a circular route including the lake shore and woods by the theatre, with the theatre Café as the start and end point. Trampler was swiftly delivered in October, staff trained in November and the site began to accept bookings at the end of November 2023. Feedback on this site has been very positive as it has allowed visitors to get close up to the lake with great views of the hills and Borrowdale Gates.

We began work with Ravenglass & Eskdale Railway (R&E Railway) in November 2023 and carried out a route assessment in February 2024. The aim is for visitors to be able to access the Roman bath house and explore the village of Ravenglass using the Trampler.

Last year we also extended our reach out to rural Cheshire as we carried out a Trampler assessment at Delamere Forest in December 2023. This site is managed by Forestry England and services a large urban population, as it is situated between the Greater Manchester area and Liverpool. Delamere Forest has purchased two Trampers that can be booked through the Outdoor Mobility scheme. The site has since begun with a soft launch of selected dates.

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Working with existing partners

North York Moors National Park

Following an assessment carried out in April 2022, Keldy Forest Holidays was ready to start offering Trampler access to the forest in the summer of 2023. A staff member was trained there in May, with Trampler bookings becoming available online in June 2023.

To extend our partnership with the National Park, we had a day at a winter wonderland at Danby Lodge assessing Trampler routes in November 2023. This was followed by a staff training session in January 2024. The session was scheduled as part of a wider meeting of North York Moors National Park staff. This meant that staff already familiar with the Trampler scheme had a chance to benefit from a refresher on their skills, as well as making the scheme familiar to staff who may only have had a superficial knowledge of it. Furthermore, our partners at Ravenscar National Trust were also invited along, making it the biggest training session we have ever held! A Trampler is now available for visitors at Danby Lodge, Tuesdays to Fridays.

Finally, we went to visit Sutton Bank in February 2024, to assess extensions of the routes already available there. They have extended one route following this assessment to provide the visitor with more views and greater experiences and will be carrying out further, more substantial, works to increase the length and diversity of their second route.

The Lake District

Work continued with Calvert Lakes to find a way to launch the Trampler at the assessed route, with a review on site taking place in November 2023. Sadly, at this point, Calvert Lakes is not in a position to implement the Trampler scheme from their premises and, in agreement with Calvert Lakes, we will be relocating the Trampler to another venue. We hope that an opportunity arises to re-visit this site in the future to make the lakeside or Dodd Wood accessible.

We went to Sizergh National Trust to assess potential new route in November 2023. Sizergh gained a 2nd Trampler at the end of February 2024 and opened a route from the visitor centre, on a public footpath, to Holeslack Wood with an added option of visiting nearby St John Church with magnificent views of the open landscape.

We also went to visit Grizedale Forest in November to review potential additional routes. Work is pending on these routes.

Training of new staff took place at Langdale Leisure in December 2023. It also gave us a chance to see a new footbridge built near the start of the route. Following heavy snowfall, the old bridge was washed away, and the route was not available for some time.

Making Outdoor Mobility known

Phil and Trella took a Trampler to show at the Cumbria Tourism Annual General Meeting in Penrith in June 2023. We heard from a range of interesting speakers and had a chance to connect with hospitality and tourism providers in the area. The event also provided us an opportunity to participate in Accessibility Awareness training delivered by Calvert Trust later in the summer.

Trella joined the Eden Parkinson Group for one of their regular members' lunches in January. This friendly and engaged group had many questions about the Trampler scheme, as they actively provide support and information to the wider community affected by Parkinsons in the region. One of the members was already a Trampler user and shared some of his adventures with the group, which no doubt gave reassurance to others considering trying a Trampler.

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Challenges and Opportunities

Lake District Mobility becomes Outdoor Mobility

It had long been felt that, as Lake District Mobility's work reaches beyond the Lakes, the name did not reflect the charity's work or give best possible support to our endeavours outside the region. Communicating who we are and what we do was becoming increasingly difficult with partnerships in North York Moors National Park and in the North Pennines National Landscapes. We changed our name to Outdoor Mobility in April 2023, making it easier for us to widen our geographical reach and to communicate what we do to both public and to potential partners and funders.

Strategic Development

The staff and trustees met in person for the first of regular development days in June 2023. The development day was followed by another away day in January 2024. The purpose of these meetings is to plan and review the charity's long-term strategy and identify opportunities and risks.

Accountancy

Our accounts have long been handled by Dodd & Co; a company based in Carlisle. While this has been very helpful, it has meant that the regular management of our finances has taken place out of sight. Trella and Lorraine met with our accountant in June 2023 to explore how our accounts could better reflect what we do and for Trella to learn how to manage the daily finances using the on-line accountancy software used by Dodd & Co. This has helped us to gain a real-time understanding of our finances, helped us make our accounts more accurate and given us good tools to track our income and expenditure in-house. In the longer term, we hope that this may also reduce our accountancy costs.

Update sessions with sites

We held on-line update sessions on the Trampler scheme in July 2023 with site staff. Staff from all Trampler sites took part. As well as providing the staff an opportunity to raise any questions that may have been on their minds, the sessions included:

A demonstration of a shorter and quicker sign-up and booking process for Trampler visitors

Introducing a walk-up form and process for use at sites' discretion

Refresher for sites on managing the Wix booking calendar

Price changes

Since the charity launched in 2018 our membership fees have stayed the same and in-line with those of Countryside Mobility: £2.50 for a two-week taster and £10 for an annual membership. As is the case with other charities and businesses, we have found our running costs increasing. Over the summer of 2023 we had discussions about a new pricing structure with Countryside Mobility, keeping in mind that our members have also found their living costs increasing. We settled on £5 for a two-week taster and £15 for annual membership, with an added offer of a single-trip membership at £3/visit. We advised our members in advance of this and implemented the price increases in October 2023 simultaneously with Countryside Mobility. We also put in place a gradual price increase for lease and affiliate fees for our Trampler partners, as well as an increase in our set-up fee.

Funding

Penny, our Bids and Trusts Officer, continually researches and writes funding bids to support our ongoing running costs and the cost of purchasing Trampers and other equipment. She was successful in securing grants totalling £31,770, as detailed in note 2.

In addition to the grants secured from charitable trusts and funds, we also received donations from private individuals, paid either directly to our bank account or through fundraising tools, such as Just Giving and Easy Fundraising. Such donations are important to us, as there are no stipulations on how we spend these funds, rather we can allocate them where they are needed. We are very grateful to the private individuals who have donated to us.

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Financial review

Reserves Policy

We intend to maintain our unrestricted funds (reserves) at a level at least equivalent to three months to provide financial stability for our principal activities, to fulfil our obligations in running costs and wages, and to respond to emergency needs which may arise. It is estimated that at this time, this figure is £11,421.

Summary

Reserves at the year end totalled £99,727 including £1,100 restricted reserves. Free reserves at the year end were £41,038. We designated £5,000 to begin a fund to cover Trumper renewal costs.

Approved by the Trustees on 24 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



G Procter
Trustee

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Trustees' Responsibilities in relation to the Financial Statements

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Outdoor Mobility**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 11 to 22.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the financial statements in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has since been withdrawn.

We understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2019.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Martin Borradaile
Dodd & Co Limited
Chartered Accountants

24 January 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023 as restated	
Note	£	£	£	£	
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	1,347	31,770	33,117	20,130
Investments	3	115	-	115	63
Charitable activities	4	26,288	-	26,288	12,766
Other	5	325	-	325	-
Total income		<u>28,075</u>	<u>31,770</u>	<u>59,845</u>	<u>32,959</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		<u>25,584</u>	<u>27,310</u>	<u>52,894</u>	<u>40,102</u>
Total expenditure		<u>25,584</u>	<u>27,310</u>	<u>52,894</u>	<u>40,102</u>
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers		2,491	4,460	6,951	(7,143)
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds		<u>19,400</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movements in funds		21,891	(14,940)	6,951	(7,143)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>76,726</u>	<u>16,050</u>	<u>92,776</u>	<u>99,919</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>98,617</u></u>	<u><u>1,110</u></u>	<u><u>99,727</u></u>	<u><u>92,776</u></u>

The notes on pages 13 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Outdoor Mobility
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

		2024		2023 <i>as restated</i>	
Note	£	£	£	£	
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		57,579	44,790	
Current assets					
Debtors	12	672		8,150	
Cash at bank and in hand		48,102		47,653	
		48,774		55,803	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	13	(6,626)		(7,817)	
Net current assets			42,148	47,986	
Net assets			99,727	92,776	
The funds of the charity:					
Restricted funds			1,110	16,050	
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted income funds			98,617	76,726	
Total charity funds			99,727	92,776	

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Approved by the Board on 24 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



G Procter
Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The accounts (financial statements) 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 financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 as amended by the Charities Act 2022.

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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) rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Basis of preparation

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

These financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Fund accounting policy

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 16.

Change in accounting policy

The accounts have previously been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and have changed in this period to accrual accounting basis. The change in accounting policy has resulted in a prior period adjustment for the charity.

The reserves in the prior period have decreased by £21,269 to £92,776 due to the inclusion of creditors, debtors and depreciation charges.

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Income and endowments

Donations and legacies including donations and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised where there is entitlement, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Income from Government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the statement of financial activities at the same time as the gift to which they relate.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

Income from charitable activities includes income recognised as earned (as the related goods or services are provided) under contract.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £100 or more are initially recorded at cost.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	15% reducing balance basis
Office equipment	20% straight line basis

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged in the statement of financial activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 as restated £
Donations and legacies				
Appeals and donations	1,347	-	1,347	3,388
Gift Aid tax reclaimed	-	-	-	692
	1,347	-	1,347	4,080
Grants				
Proven Family Trust	-	-	-	800
CLA Charitable Trust	-	-	-	5,000
Greenhall Foundation	-	-	-	4,000
Scotmid / Co-op	-	-	-	2,000
Alpkit	-	-	-	250
Bruce Wake Charity	-	-	-	2,500
The Archer Trust	-	-	-	1,500
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	2,000	2,000	-
National Lottery	-	26,420	26,420	-
Magic Little Grants	-	500	500	-
The Rank Foundation	-	850	850	-
Other grants	-	2,000	2,000	-
	-	31,770	31,770	16,050
	1,347	31,770	33,117	20,130

Of the donations and legacies income in 2023, £4,080 related to unrestricted funds and £16,050 related to restricted funds.

3 Investments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Interest on cash deposits	115	-	115	63
	115	-	115	63

All of the investment income in 2023 related to unrestricted funds.

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4 Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 as restated £
Charitable activities				
Site assessments	3,050	-	3,050	2,450
Lease agreement income	9,265	-	9,265	3,980
Managed and affiliate fees	4,808	-	4,808	1,975
Membership fees	8,965	-	8,965	4,361
	26,288	-	26,288	12,766

All of the income from charitable activities in 2023 related to unrestricted funds.

5 Other

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income				
Travel costs	325	-	325	-
	325	-	325	-

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6 Total resources expended

	Charitable activities	Total 2024	Total 2023 as restated
	£	£	£
Direct costs			
Insurance	5,454	5,454	690
Depreciation of plant and machinery	7,807	7,807	7,787
Employment costs	25,493	25,493	20,474
Rent	2,490	2,490	2,400
Equipment repairs and servicing	3,258	3,258	2,300
Partnership agreements	357	357	-
	44,859	44,859	33,651
Support costs			
Subcontract cost	139	139	109
Staff training	-	-	36
Travelling	1,959	1,959	1,024
Office expenses	90	90	246
Computer software and website costs	1,635	1,635	1,070
Printing, postage and stationery	706	706	365
Trade subscriptions	210	210	200
Sundry expenses	65	65	55
Cost of trustee meetings	194	194	-
Advertising	350	350	-
Accountancy fees	1,941	1,941	2,513
Independent examiner's fee	500	500	-
Bank charges	62	62	74
Depreciation of office equipment	184	184	184
(Profit)/loss on sale of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	-	-	575
	8,035	8,035	6,451
	52,894	52,894	40,102

All of the expenditure in 2023 related to unrestricted funds.

7 Governance costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cost of trustee meetings	194	-
Accountancy fees	1,941	2,513
Independent examiner's fee	500	-
	2,635	2,513

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8 Trustees' remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or expenses during the year (2023 - £0).

9 Employees' remuneration

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>

The aggregate payroll costs of these persons were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	24,882	20,474
Other pension costs	<u>611</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>25,493</u>	<u>20,474</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year (2023 - No. 0).

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10 Taxation

The registered charity is exempt from taxation on income and gains.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery including motor vehicles <i>as restated</i> £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment <i>as restated</i> £	Total <i>as restated</i> £
Cost			
As at 1 April 2023	65,470	922	66,392
Additions	20,780	-	20,780
As at 31 March 2024	86,250	922	87,172
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2023	21,341	261	21,602
Charge for the year	7,807	184	7,991
As at 31 March 2024	29,148	445	29,593
Net book value			
As at 31 March 2024	57,102	477	57,579
As at 31 March 2023	44,129	661	44,790

12 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 <i>as restated</i> £
Trade debtors	-	8,150
Other debtors	672	-
	672	8,150

Other debtors is the balance held in credit with HMRC in relation to PAYE.

13 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 <i>as restated</i> £
Trade creditors	232	1,206
Other creditors	119	-
Accruals and deferred income	6,275	6,611
	6,626	7,817

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14 Pension scheme

Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The pension cost charge for the period represents contributions payable by the charity to the scheme and amounted to £611 (2023 - £nil).

Contributions totalling £119 (2023 - £nil) were payable to the scheme at the end of the period and are included in creditors.

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15 Related parties

Controlling entity

The charity is controlled by the trustees.

16 Analysis of funds

	At 1 April 2023 as restated	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 March 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Renewals	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
General Funds					
Unrestricted income fund	76,726	28,075	(25,584)	14,400	93,617
Restricted Funds					
Tramper purchase fund	16,050	2,850	-	(18,900)	-
National Lottery	-	26,420	(25,310)	-	1,110
Cumbria Community Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	-	-
Magic Little Grants	-	500	-	(500)	-
	<u>16,050</u>	<u>31,770</u>	<u>(27,310)</u>	<u>(19,400)</u>	<u>1,110</u>
	<u>92,776</u>	<u>59,845</u>	<u>(52,894)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>99,727</u>

Tramper purchase fund - This fund consists of a number of grants funds who, together, provided the funding require to purchase 2 new trampers in the period.

National Lottery - This is a 3 year grant agreement to support a project aiming to build capacity, adding to the tramper network to crate 11 sites in total in Cumbria, funding the cost of development work in order to grow the fleet to a more financially self-sustaining level. The project will enable Outdoor Mobility to continue to work to create opportunities for people with limited mobility to enjoy the social, physical and mental health benefits of being in the outdoors.

Cumbria Community Foundation - funding provided as a contribution to ongoing staff costs of the charity.

Magic Little Grants - a capital grant to fund the purchase of ramps.

17 Transfers

During the year, a transfer of £19,400 was made to general funds from restricted funds for the purchase of fixed assets. £5,000 was also designated for costs associated with the renewal of Trampers.

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Prior period

	At 1 April 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	At 31 March 2023
	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>	<i>as restated</i>
	£	£	£	£
General Funds			-	
Unrestricted income fund	99,919	16,909	(40,102)	76,726
Restricted Funds				
Tramper purchase fund	-	16,050	-	16,050
	99,919	32,959	(40,102)	92,776

18 Net assets by fund

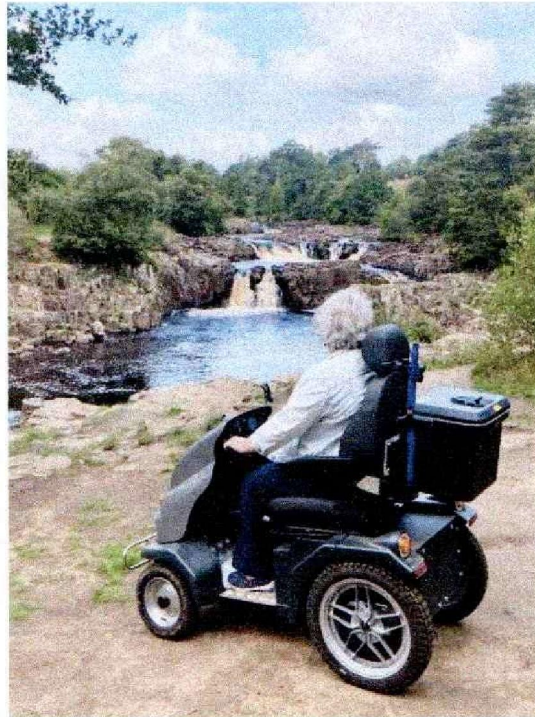
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023 as restated
	£	£	£	£
Tangible assets	57,579	-	57,579	44,790
Current assets	47,664	1,110	48,774	55,803
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(6,626)	-	(6,626)	(7,817)
Net assets	98,617	1,110	99,727	92,776
Prior period				
	Unrestricted Funds <i>as restated</i>	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023 <i>as restated</i>	
	£	£	£	
Tangible assets	44,790	-	44,790	
Current assets	39,753	16,050	55,803	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(7,817)	-	(7,817)	
Net assets	76,726	16,050	92,776	

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Annual Report 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of Outdoor Mobility (known as Lake District Mobility during the reporting period), a charitable incorporated organisation.

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Letter from the Chairman, Aidie Jones

Another productive and challenging year has passed and Lake District Mobility, now Outdoor Mobility, has continued to make amazing progress in service to our members and the wider community across the north of England.

This is due in large part as always to our dedicated team of staff, trustees and volunteers. Trella and Penny have continued to do an incredible job in their respective areas of operations and fundraising and Phil, our newly appointed Development Officer has hit the ground running and become a valuable member of the team.

Julia Walker, Founder and Development Manager left the charity in the Autumn of 2022. We thank Julia for her inspiration and dedication, and we hope she will remain connected to Outdoor Mobility in the future.

Lorraine, Nick and I remain as Trustees and we are delighted that Gemma Procter has joined the board. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the charity, and we look forward to her involvement.

Fundraising for both Trampers and running costs has gone incredibly well and we are in a secure position to look ahead to the next few years.

New sites and additional routes have been, and continue to be, developed in the Lake District National Park, North York Moors National Park, the Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and across the North of England. The team have been working hard on trial assessment in order to increase the availability of Trampers for the benefit of our members.

I am delighted that Outdoor Mobility is continuing to grow and develop so well and I look forward to seeing the continued benefits this growth will bring to our members over the coming twelve months.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aidie Jones', written in a cursive style.

Making Amazing Places Accessible

Vision

Outdoor Mobility exists to make amazing places accessible. We want to break down the barriers that prevent people with limited mobility enjoying the great outdoors either independently or with their friends and family.

Mission

We will work to meet the needs of people with limited mobility by the provision of Tramper all-terrain mobility scooters available to hire at outdoor locations in Northern England: wherever need, demand, and our capacity allows. We also assess locations for accessibility and offer advice to make the outdoors accessible to all.

Values

We do all this by working to these values:

- **Community**
We remember we do what we do for our community: we listen to and are led by their experience.
- **Integrity**
We strive to be open and honest in all of our work. We support people from all walks of life and treat each person with dignity and acceptance.
- **Freedom to Choose**
We believe in people being empowered to reach their full potential and to live a happy, fulfilled life.
- **Ambition**
We do not accept the status quo and never stop improving. We set high standards and work hard to reach them. We push the boundaries and make change happen.

Our team



Left to right: Aidie, Trella, Julia, Phil and Penny

Our founder and Development Manager, Julia, gave her notice in the early spring of 2022, as she and her husband approached their long-running ambition of becoming foster parents. Recruitment for Julia's role began at the end of April. After a long process and restructuring of the role, Phil Wake took up the post of Development Officer in November 2022. Julia's financial tasks (banking, monitoring the income and expenditure and liaising with the accountant) were delegated to Trella in her role as an Operations Officer. Penny

continues to work as our Bids and Trusts Officer. Line management of staff members is shared amongst the trustees, although, the team operates with a great degree of

independence and initiative. The team members work part-time and between them add up to one full-time post.

What our members say

We began to automatically send a request for feedback to our members after each visit to a Trampler site in June 2022. Since then and until the end of March 2023 we received 148 responses, with hundreds more received to date. We also receive spontaneous feedback through the phone calls and emails we handle weekly.



In our structured questionnaire we ask our members to rate their experience of:

- Joining the scheme and booking the Trampler
- The information and training they received on site, the ease of using the Trampler and
- The Trampler users' experience of the natural environment.

The majority of the respondents gave a rating of "very satisfied" to all the questions (>100).

We also invite our members to give qualitative feedback by asking how we could improve the scheme and what they enjoyed about using the Trampler. The responses to these questions are overall positive. Of the responses:

- 38 requested more Trampers, more locations, more routes and/or greater diversity of routes (long/short, flat/hills, woodland/open country).
- 10 gave feedback relating to both the ease and the challenges in managing bookings on-line.
- 6 commented on information or facilities provided at the Trampler sites.
- 3 recommended that we promote the scheme more.
- 3 commented specifically on the route (length, interest, quality of track surface).

The qualitative feedback also gives us a strong impression of the positive impact on our members, that is achieved by accessing the outdoors and being able to spend leisure time with family and friends:

"It's improved my mental health and well-being no end!"

"It makes a huge difference not feeling as if you are holding your family back or missing out on time with them."

"I could not stop smiling and looking at all the views, the moss on the trees, everything I missed out on for years."

The staff at our wonderful partner sites also often get a mention:

"The Trumper training with the member of staff...was refreshing, I was treated as an equal, with intelligence. More often than not, as a disabled person with mobility problems, you are treated as though you are stupid too".

Growing and developing the charity

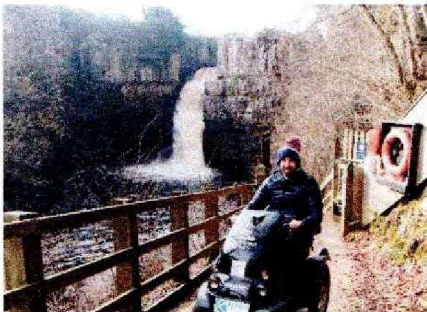
Working with new partners

In April 2022, Julia and Trella carried out trail and facilities assessments at Dalby Forest (Forestry England) and Cropton and Keldy Forests (Forest Holidays) in the North York Moors National Park. They were accompanied by Mike Hawtin and Peter Reynolds from the National Park Authority, whose knowledge of the area and support to the scheme has been invaluable.



Trella delivered staff training at Dalby and Cropton Forests in July, following which Trampers were launched at these two sites. Work was being carried out on the lodges at Keldy Forest, and the launch of the Trumper there was postponed until the spring of 2023.

Trella and Phil delivered staff training at Sizergh National Trust in December in preparation for the launch of the Trumper in January 2023.



Our work with the North York Moors National Park brought us to the attention of North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership. We began working with the AONB early 2023 with Phil and Trella carrying out assessment visits at High Force, Bowlees, Killhope Lead Mining Museum, Derwent Reservoir and Talkin Tarn during January – March. These sites have since then been launched with Trampers provided by the

North Pennines AONB partnership using funding from DEFRA's Access to All fund and the National Lottery Heritage fund.

Working with existing sites

Work was carried out to make the crossing from Sutton Bank National Park Centre across the main road safer. Following this work, the 2nd route to White Horse from the centre was opened to Trumper users in the summer of 2022.

In July, Trella delivered staff training at Langdale Leisure centre, which brought new staff members up to speed with the long-running hire scheme there.

Julia, Phil and Trella assessed the newly developed "Wow" route at Whinlatter in December. The new route follows the original Trampler route in reverse order, is slightly longer than the original, and incorporates a forest bathing area and a new osprey viewing platform. Already a popular Trampler location, the feedback from Trampler visitors on the new route has been very positive.



Making ourselves known

Penny and Trella held a stall showing the Trampler at the Keswick Mountain Festival in May 2022. We were visibly located in the Accessibility Village. While the event was well attended, it was felt that the visitors to the Accessibility Village were not our target audience. Due to the nature of the event, the majority preferred mobility aids that required more physical effort and/or offered greater flexibility in where they could be used.

Phil made his maiden speech for Lake District Mobility (Outdoor Mobility) at an Accessible Cumbria meeting at Fell Foot National Trust in January 2023. The meeting was positive and informative with opportunities to network with representatives from hospitality and leisure industry across Cumbria.

Challenges and opportunities

Challenges

Negotiations to renew our insurance cover with our former insurers flagged up some questions over whether our insurance product provided us with adequate cover. Eventually, this led to the insurance company stating that they were not able to provide us with the cover that we needed, which meant that we had to stop all Trampler hire, overnight, at the end of January. As we operate an unusual scheme, finding suitable insurance cover was a challenge. However, with the help of Countryside Mobility, Aidie was able to set up a comprehensive insurance cover with Royal & Sun Alliance Insurance Limited. As we insure our lease Trampers in the Lakes, the result was that the Trampler hire in the Lakes was on hold for 9 weeks. Trampler hire in the North York Moors could be resumed in less than a fortnight, as the Trampers there are owned and insured by the National Park.

The cessation of Trampler hire meant that fewer new members signed up than we would have hoped. We also gave refunds to people who had taken up a membership but had not been able to use them.

Royal and Sun Alliance have been rigorous in ensuring that our systems keep our members and staff at sites safe. In order to have the new insurance product in place, we have tightened safety checks on the Trampers, asked sites to provide refresher training to visitors whose last induction was over a year ago, revised staff training and updated the information given to members.

As the charity did not have a Development Officer in post for a large part of the year, the work focussed on providing support to existing sites, rather than developing new ones. Since then, great progress has been made to develop sites in the Lakes and we are now anticipating the launch of four new Trampler sites. Nearly half of our staff time goes to developing new sites. Getting a Trampler launched in a new location can take anything from a couple of months to up to a couple of years from start to finish.

Opportunities



With a growing number of partners and Trampler locations, Outdoor Mobility has become more visible both online and on sites. We are also being recommended through word of mouth by our membership and our

partners. We have noticed that an increasing number of sites and organisations have got in touch with us to find out how we can support them in offering Trampler access. We can confidently credit our partnership with North York Moors National Park as the leading factor in the partnership with North Pennines AONB. We are very grateful for the support our partners give us and are excited by the opportunities ahead.

Funding

We have continued to receive donations from private individuals and businesses, both through monthly direct debits and as one-off donations using our JustGiving account. We are very grateful to all our private supporters, whose donations amounted to over £3,300. In addition to the donations themselves, we were also able to claim over £690 in GiftAid. These funds are very helpful to the charity as, in most cases, we can put the money towards general running costs and development costs of our choice.

We continue to welcome grants from charitable trusts with the specific objective of purchasing Trampers. In 2022-2023 we received over £16,000 in such grants from our funders:

- Alpkit
- Archer Trust
- Bruce Wake Charitable Trust
- CLA
- Green Hall Foundation
- Lakes and Dales Co-operative
- Proven Family Trust

We thank all our supporters, individuals, organisations, charitable trusts and foundations, for their generosity. Their financial support is vital to the charity's ability to operate.

Please visit our website for regular updates, sign up to our blog and consider becoming a member, supporter and/or donor to our work. You can find out about different ways to make a donation to us at www.outdoormobility.org/donate. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2022 Total
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Grants		16,050	16,050	56,631
Donations & Legacies	3,388		3,388	3,350
Gift Aid	692		692	-
Site Assessments	700		700	-
Lease Agreements	3,980		3,980	
Managed/Affiliate Fees	1,975		1,975	
Membership Fees	4,361		4,361	1,124
HMRC Job Retention Scheme	-		-	2,863
Interest	63		63	-
Total Receipts	15,159	16,050	31,209	63,968
PAYMENTS				
Accountancy Costs	1,522		1,522	684
Advertising/Promotion	-		-	2,322
Assessment Costs	-		-	250
Bank Charges	74		74	96
Insurances	690		690	955
Memberships	200		200	353
Office Equipment and Expenses	246		246	805
Project Management	-		-	915
Partnership Agreements	-		-	198
Pay and Pensions	20,474		20,474	21,131
Printing, Postage & Stationery	365		365	1,156
Rent	2,400		2,400	2,200
Repairs/Serviceing	2,300		2,300	1,747
Staff Training	36		36	420
Subcontracting	109		109	-
Sundry	55		55	75
Tramper Purchases	-		-	35,136
Travel expenses	1,024		1,024	1,243
Volunteer expenses	-		-	19
Website Costs	1,070		1,070	2,735
Total Payments	30,565		30,565	72,440

Year-end summary to 31 March 2022	2023 Unrestricted Funds £	2023 Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	2022 Total Funds £
NET	-15,406	16,050	644	-8,472
Cash Funds B/F	47,009	0	47,009	55,481
Cash Funds C/F	31,603	16,050	47,653	47,009

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	£
Trampers at cost	65,470
Office equipment	922
Bank Account	47,653

Liabilities	£
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Signed on behalf of the trustees



Aidie Jones
Chairman of trustees
17th January 2024

With thanks to our funders



the Proven
Family Trust



Our partners



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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Outdoor Mobility

Charity number 1172739

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lake District Mobility (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023 set out on pages 10-11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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.

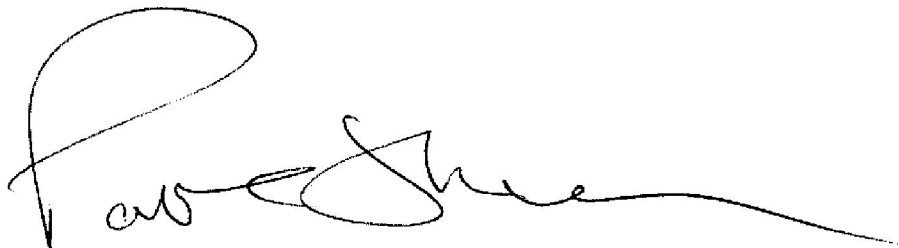
Independent examiner's statement

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 Charity as required by section 130 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.

Signed:



Patrick M Sharman

Chartered Accountant

Yew Tree House Pardshaw

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18 January 2024

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Letter from the Chairman, Adrian Jones

Through 2022 I have remained as Chair, Lorraine Smyth has done a fantastic job as Treasurer and Nick Lancaster completes our current Trustee Board bringing a wealth of experience which is of great benefit to the charity.

Lorraine and Nick's ongoing contributions and guidance are much appreciated. Julia, our Development Manager has done a great job driving the charity forward over the last few years, with Penny, our Fundraising Officer, and Trella, our Operations Officer, continuing to do an outstanding job in their respective roles. All their dedication and hard work has been greatly appreciated and has ensured the charity continues to deliver on our mission.

Julia has now left her role as Development Manager and we are delighted that Philip Wake is joining us in the role of Development Officer. Philip shares the values of the charity and brings a wide range of skills and experience to the post.

In the Lake District National Park we currently have operational hire sites at Whinlatter Forest, Grizedale Forest and the Langdale Estate. We are hoping that sites at Fell Foot, Sizergh Castle and the Calvert Trust will be joining them in 2023. In the North York Moors National Park we have operational hire sites at Sutton Bank, which has opened an additional route this year, Ravenscar, Dalby Forest and Cropton Forest.

To help manage the growing number of sites and bookings we have launched a new website this year with an online booking system. This is proving to be of benefit to our members and staff.

Despite challenging circumstances for all charities, Lake District Mobility continues its upwards trajectory, and I am confident that the depth and breadth of our services will continue to improve over the coming twelve months.

Adrian Jones

Making Amazing Places Accessible

Our Plan

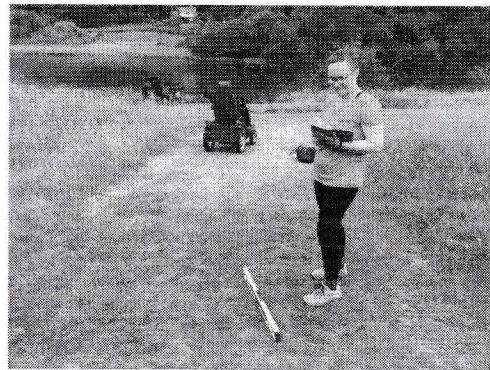
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Our team

Julia Walker stepped down from her role as Charity Development Manager in the spring of 2022. The role of Charity Development Manager was reviewed, and the new role of Development Officer has been filled. Penny Swann and Trella Javanainen remain in their posts of Funding Officer and Operations Officer, respectively. The staff team enjoyed a team building day out on the fells in Grasmere in June 2021. They also benefited from safeguarding training in November.



Nick Lancaster joined the trustee team September, replacing Anna Scamans, one of the charity's original trustees, who stepped down in July. Nick brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience gained from his years in hospitality management, including a long spell as the Managing Director of Langdale Leisure. Chris MacLeod stepped down from the trustee team in December 2021. Lorraine Smythe remains as our third trustee.

What our members say

Our regular feedback questionnaire asks our members what we could do to improve our scheme. The most frequent answer to this has been and continues to be that we make more places accessible with a Trumper.

We also ask what our members enjoyed about using the Trumper and the answers to this are always elated. Most often we hear about the freedom the Trumper has given the individual, the ability to enjoy an activity with family or friends without having to rely on someone else for support and being able to see views that had been inaccessible until then. Many of our respondents also comment on the positive impact on their mental health.

After leading an active life to not being able to walk in the country anymore with my husband was depressing. To be able to go out on a walk together again was uplifting and I've booked for Langdale next week. I look for holidays now where Trumper hire is available.

Made my year, never thought I could enjoy the outdoors again. No more being left in the cafe or seat.

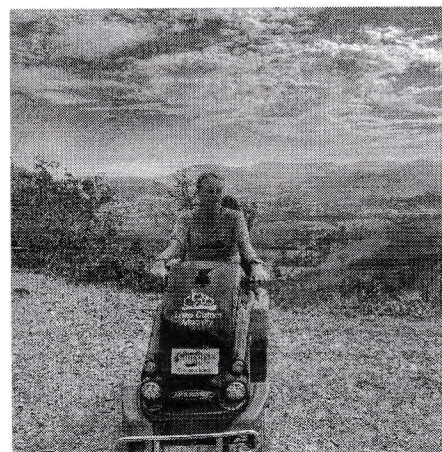
Great to see more of the forest environment and to spend time together with partner and dog. Normally I sit in a café and they go for a walk. Trumper helps me to socialise too. A great idea and facility.

The comfort and sense of safety in using the Trumper were also often mentioned.

I sat very secure. It was a tremendous liberation!

As the face-to-face representatives of the scheme, the staff members at hire sites are crucial to the members' Trumper experience.

I just wanted to say a big 'thank you' to the team at Whinlatter for the excellent help and instruction I received recently when I hired a Trumper, whilst on holiday in the Lake District. This was the first time I'd used anything like this, I'm normally a keen walker, but following my 3rd spinal surgery the Trumper enabled me to join in and enjoy the lovely scenery. I took out annual membership and hope to use it closer to home before my next trip to the Lakes.



Growing and developing the charity

As Covid restrictions were eased, visitors returned to the outdoors and businesses began opening their doors again, Lake District Mobility returned to work with plans in place to support the charity's growth.

With the objective of encouraging potential partners to join the scheme it was decided that new partners in Cumbria would be offered free assessments and a year's free lease. We are currently close to launching two new Tramper partner sites that have taken advantage of this offer.

Working with new partners

- **Grizedale Forest, Forestry England:**

Lake District Mobility carried out a trail and access assessment at Grizedale Forest in the summer of 2021, and a Tramper was swiftly launched there in the August of the same year. Grant funding from Barchester's Charitable Foundation, The Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust, The Hadfield Trust and The Nineveh Charitable Trust enabled this to take place.

Before I ended up in a wheelchair me, my husband, and daughter did a lot of hill walking. This obviously stopped because my chair couldn't manage the steep hills etc. The Tramper has enabled me to become one of the family again.

Mrs B. Grizedale's first Tramper visitor



- **Fell Foot National Trust:** we also carried out an assessment of Fell Foot Park by the lake Windermere in the summer of 2021. The site is on course to benefit from extensive renovation and landscaping work, which is due to be completed in the spring/summer of 2023. One of the aims of the project is to make Fell Foot as accessible as possible. In the meanwhile, a temporary Tramper route was assessed, and a Tramper is now in situ, funded by Souter Charitable Trust, Tesco Community Grants and Cumbria County Council. The temporary route is due to be launched soon and, once the landscaping work is complete, a permanent Tramper route will be established.
- **Sizergh Castle National Trust:** we assessed the formal castle grounds for Tramper access in November 2021. The Tramper was delivered, and staff training took place early 2022. Launch of the Tramper has been on hold, whilst the team at Sizergh Castle has been working with National Trust's IT team to enable staff access to Lake District Mobility's new on-line booking system. The IT access has now been resolved and we anticipate that the Tramper can be launched imminently. The Tramper was funded by Roseland Trust Fund, Johnson Fund, Holehird Grants Community, Souter Charitable Trust and Dowager Countess Eleanor Peel Trust
- **Calvert Trust/Mirehouse:** we carried out an assessment in the spring of 2022, for a route from Calvert Trust Lake District by Bassenthwaite, through Dodd Wood and onto the grounds of Mirehouse. The route follows the public footpath to St Bega's church, before retracing back to Calvert Trust. The Tramper, named Wuky (after Julia's grandfather-in-law, Frank "Wuky" Walker) was generously gifted to Lake District Mobility by the Osprey Group. Work to make the site ready to launch the Tramper is currently being finalised.

Working with existing sites

- In March, Julia delivered staff training at Sutton Bank in March, as well as viewing the improvements made to the road crossing at A170, making safer and enabling the launch of a second Tramper route, the White Horse.
- Julia and Trella delivered staff training at Langdale in June.
- Whinlatter Forest gained a second Tramper in July 2021 to meet high demand on the site. At first Wuky, the Tramper gifted by Osprey Group, was made available there, until funding from Postcode Lottery enabled us to place a Tramper there on permanent basis.



Developing the charity

- We spent a sunny day in May with a photographer and a videographer and three of our members and their partners at Whinlatter Forest and Langdale Estate. We now have a good stock of professional photographs of our members enjoying the outdoors on Trampers with their loved ones. We also have several high-quality films, all of which we have been using on our website and in promotional materials and activities. This work was funded by a donation from Jacobs. Gemma Goulding, a Jacobs staff member, had been commended for her volunteer work in the community during Covid and had chosen Lake District Mobility as a beneficiary of a donation by Jacobs.



- Until November 2021 all membership details and details of Trampler use have been recorded on paper forms at hire sites and then processed manually by Lake District Mobility. This process had become increasingly time consuming, with more sites coming on board and more people using the service. Anticipating that Lake District Mobility will grow with an increasing number of members and more hire sites, a decision was taken to commission a new website. The website would replace the paper-based system and enable individuals to become members and book Trampers on-line, as well as provide hire sites real time information on their Trampler bookings. To this end, Lake District Mobility worked through the summer with the web designer, Becca Dunlop, on a new website with an on-line Trampler booking and membership management systems built in. The new website was launched in November 2021. All annual members were written to in advance advising them of the new system and offered support prior to being transferred on to the system. All relevant hire site staff members were also given training on the

new booking platform. After an initial period of getting used to the new system and making adjustments to the way it operates, it can be said that the new website has been a success. We continue to improve and develop elements of the website, however, it is clear that it has reduced administration for both staff at hire sites and at Lake District Mobility. The website platform also provides good tools for communication with membership and for analysing data gathered.

- Bedrock Basics, collaborating with Cumbria CVS and with funding from Sellafield Ltd, has been offering free support and activities aimed at transforming West Cumbria. Lake District Mobility accessed elements of this support in the winter of 2022. Penny attended fundraising strategy sessions and Trella met with Nicola Lynch, the National Lead on Civil Society for Social Value UK for coaching on how we can measure the social impact of our Trampler offering. Following the coaching from Nicola, we have improved the gathering of feedback from our members. This includes automatic request for feedback after each Trampler visit, made easier by the tools available on our website. We have also been conducting longer interviews with a smaller sample of our membership, giving us more in-depth understanding of how our members benefit from using the Trampers.

Making ourselves known

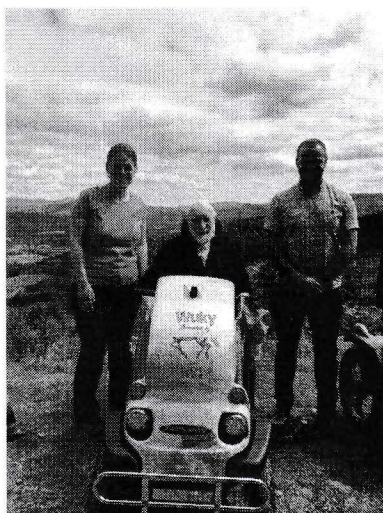
- Penny attended the Orrest Head accessible path launch near Windermere in September. It gave us an opportunity to connect with potential Trampler users, as well as strengthening our relationship with the Lake District National Park and other partners who work to make the Lake District accessible.
- Trella held a stall at a hospitality trade show organised by Cumbria Tourism in March. It gave us an opportunity to talk to venue owners about how our Trampler scheme could add enjoyment to their guests' and visitors' experiences.



Our supporters

Lake District Mobility continues to benefit from the support of individuals, businesses and charitable trusts and organisations. During the reporting period we were gifted a Trampler by the Osprey Group, which was initially put to good use at Whinlatter and will shortly start taking visitors out at Calvert Trust. We also received donations made in memory of Frank Walker, the grandfather-in-law of our founder, Julia, and an intrepid Trampler adventurer. We thank all our funders and supporters, including those who wish to remain anonymous, both for their one-off donations and their monthly gifts. Some of our funders include:

- Barchester Charitable Foundation £1,000
- Tesco £1,000
- Roseland Trust Fund £1,000
- Johnson Fund £2,000
- Holehird Grants Committee £2,000
- Hadfield Trust £2,500
- Souter Charitable trust £3,000
- Postcode Lottery £19,700
- Yapp Charitable Trust £3,000



Financial Statement

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
HMRS Job Retention Scheme	2,863		2,863	13,560
Grants	17,031	39,600	56,631	2,500
Donations & Legacies	3,350		3,350	25,032
Gift Aid	-		-	-
Site Assessments	-		-	-
Lease Agreements	-		-	3,972
Membership Fees	1,124		1,124	248
Interest				-
Travel reimbursement	-		-	221
Total Receipts	24,368	39,600	63,968	45,533
PAYMENTS				
Accountancy Costs	684		684	-
Advertising/Promotion	2,322		2,322	-
Assessment Costs	250		250	-
Bank Charges	96		96	69
Insurances	955		955	697
Memberships	353		353	147
Office Equipment and Expenses	805		805	277
Project Management	915		915	-
Partnership Agreements	198		198	39
Pay and Pensions	10,131	11,000	21,131	21,809
Printing, Postage & Stationery	1,156		1,156	353
Rent	2,200		2,200	1,050
Repairs	1,747		1,747	1,311
Staff Training	420		420	-
Sundry	75		75	40
Tramper Purchases	336	34,800	35,136	-
Travel expenses	1,243		1,243	484
Volunteer Expenses	19		19	-
Website Costs	2,735		2,735	770
Total Payments	26,640	45,800	72,440	27,046

Year-end summary to 31 March 2022	2022 Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
NET	-2,272	-6,200	-8,472	18,487
Cash Funds B/F	49,281	6,200	55,481	36,994
Cash Funds C/F	47,009	0	47,009	55,481

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	£
Assets	
Trampers at cost	65,470
Office equipment at cost	1,967
Bank Account	47,009
Cheques in hand	211
Gift Aid	683
Total Assets	115,340
Liabilities	-



Aidie Jones
Chairman of trustees

30/1/2023



LANGDALE



Lake District
National Park



North York Moors
National Park



National
Trust



countryside mobility



County Council



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lake District Mobility

Charity number 1172739

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lake District Mobility (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022 set out on pages 12-13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust'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 Charity as required by section 130 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.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick M Sharman', written over a large, stylized loop that serves as a flourish or part of the signature.

Patrick M Sharman

Chartered Accountant

Yew Tree House Pardshaw

Cockermouth CA13 0SP

Date 31 January 2023

Outdoor Mobility

England & Wales - Charity number 1172739

Accounts

Lake District Mobility



Annual Report 1st April 2020 – 31st March 2021

The Annual Report and Financial Statement of the Trustees of Lake District Mobility,
a charitable incorporated organisation.

A Charity registered with the Charities Commission in England and Wales.
Registered Charity no: 1172739.

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Tel: 07843 754239 Email: info@lakedistrictmobility.org

Charity Development Manager: Julia Walker

Trustees (current): Adrian Jones (Chair), Lorraine Smyth, Karen Smith and Nick
Lancaster



Letter from the Chairman, Aidie Jones

With the last twelve months of the pandemic being some of the most difficult times for all charities, businesses and individuals, it is no surprise that Lake District Mobility has been faced with numerous challenges. Despite the numerous lockdowns and periods of being closed with staff on furlough, we have been able to open up again to serve our beneficiaries.

It is all due to the strength and focus of our staff, trustees and volunteers who have shown amazing commitment to the charity and its mission. Since opening up, the operational side of the charity has developed with the aim of improving our members' experience and, using funding raised for new Trampers, progressed towards the opening of a new hire site at the Grizedale Forest.

Our fundraising achievements in the midst of the pandemic have been exceptional, both funds for new Trampers and funds to support the core costs of operating the charity as we move towards full sustainability.

With more hire sites in the pipeline, our dedicated Trustee Board, our skilled Manager and a team of talented staff and volunteers I am confident that Lake District Mobility will continue to grow and serve our beneficiaries through 2022 and beyond no matter what the future holds.

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Making Amazing Places Accessible

Our Plan

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Impact of Covid-19

The Covid-19 pandemic has had an enormous impact on all aspects of life and work since the spring of 2020. According to Charity Commission's Covid-19 survey 2021, nearly all charities in the UK have experienced some negative impact due to Covid-19, with the pandemic predominantly impacting charities' services and delivery (85%), alongside their financial position (72%).

Suspending Trampler hire and temporary office closure

Lake District Mobility needed to respond appropriately, as all non-essential office-based work was curtailed, travel and leisure activities were restricted, and all our partner hire-sites closed their public facing services, including suspending Trampler hire. Under these circumstances the trustees took the decision to close Lake District Mobility as a temporary measure to ensure safety of its staff and to secure the Charity's long-term financial sustainability. This was achieved with the help of the Government's furlough scheme. All staff were furloughed from March 2020 to July 2021 with the Charity bridging the gap left by furlough funding to ensure all staff remained on full pay during this time.



Returning to work and outdoors in the summer/autumn of 2020

Lockdown restrictions relaxed over the summer months and hire-sites resumed their public facing services. Lake District Mobility staff also returned to work at this point, working partially from home and partially in the office. The Charity's key aims at this point were twofold:

1. Supporting sites to resume Trampler hire in a way that kept staff, Trampler users and other visitors safe.
2. Reaching out to Lake District Mobility's members and supporters, offering reassurance that Trampers were available again in a safe way, and encouraging the public to enjoy the outdoors on Trampers again.

How we achieved this:

- Carried out Trampler hire risk assessments for sites with a focus on the risks posed by Covid-19 and how to mitigate them
- Agreed hire procedures with sites, that minimised the risk of transmission for staff and Trampler visitors
- Supported the sites in recovering from loss of business by extending their Trampler lease agreements with no extra cost
- Gave members an extra 6 months free membership to make up for the time they lost during lockdown
- Used blog and social media to engage with the public, telling them about how we were making Trampler hire safe and encouraging their use
- Created videos on returning to Trampler hire to engage a wider group of people.



Winter 2020/21

From December 2020 through to April/May 2021 the social distancing restrictions meant that hire-sites were once again closed. Lake District Mobility staff were again on furlough, initially full-time and then on a part-time basis, as sites began re-opening. Since May, Lake District Mobility has been working full time with all hire-sites offering Trampler hire.

Looking ahead:

Our return to full capacity since the summer of 2021 has been very positive. Trampers have been in great demand, we have set up a new Trampler hire scheme at Grizedale Forest and were gifted a second Trampler to meet high demand at Whinlatter. Work is underway with other sites to further expand the Trampler provision and we have developed a new website, providing on-line membership and bookings.

Our aim to be self-sustaining is now delayed by 18-24 months due to Covid-19 and hire-sites' new financial restrictions. We are extremely grateful that, thanks to the help of our supporters, Lake District Mobility has returned from the pandemic on a strong footing and with confidence in our work to achieve our aims.

Our Team: Volunteers, Trustees, Staff

Julia Walker has remained as the Charity Development Manager and Penny Swann as the Charity Fundraising Officer. Trella Javanainen's role has evolved into that of a Charity Operations Officer.

Aidie Jones has remained in his role as the Chair of the Trustees. The rest of the trustee board during 2020-2021 was made up of Chris MacLeod (Retired December 2021), Anna Scamans (Retired July 2021), Lorraine Smyth and Karen Smith. No volunteer activity took place during this reporting year, but communication with our volunteers was maintained.

What Lake District Mobility Members Say

The feedback we received showed that members experienced high levels of satisfaction in using the Trampers, and particularly enjoyed:

“...being able to enjoy the fresh air and the views without worry” and

“...being able to get out to places I love”.

Ease of use of the Trampler and ability to book in advance were also appreciated.

One of the respondents asked if we could open another Trampler route, for example at Grizedale, which we have since then achieved.



Working with others to improve access

We have maintained close working relationships with the partners we had at the beginning of the financial year 2020/2021.

Working with Countryside Mobility

Lake District Mobility and Countryside Mobility collaborated closely in planning a safe return to Trampler hire in the summer of 2020. As we have a reciprocal arrangement with Countryside Mobility, whereby our members can access Countryside Mobility's Trampler scheme and vice versa, we made sure that standards of safety remained the same across both charities.

Publicising What We Do

Lake District Mobility publishes a blog post on most weeks and engages regularly with the public on social media. This activity was on hold during the furlough period. When work resumed in the summer, our communications focussed on encouraging members to use Trampers and communicating how we were protecting the public and staff at hire sites from Covid-19.

Our Supporters

Once again, Lake District Mobility has been fortunate in having wonderful supporters, whose generosity helped us through a very challenging period. Specifically, our office landlady, Emma Harris of Health and Holistic, adjusted our office rental costs during lockdown to reflect the fact that we simply could not go to the office. This was made possible by the generosity of Paul Rowlands of Derwent Dental Care in whose building our office is situated. Furthermore, our insurers Zurich gave us a 6-month extension on all our policies free of charge. We were also nominated for a generous donation from Jacobs by their employee, Gemma Goulding. This was an acknowledgement of her voluntary work in co-ordinating support for the vulnerable in her local community during the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. This money has gone towards developing our new website, which gives our members and partners on-line membership management and Tramper booking facilities.

We would like to thank all our supporters, including those who make a donation to us on a monthly basis. Some of our supporters include:

- Allerdale Borough Council Covid Grant: £4,000
- The Nineveh Trust: £2,500
- Jacobs, as nominated by their employee, Gemma Goulding: £1,800
- Peter Todd: £1,000
- Sarah Gerrish: £570 through her record-breaking achievement of The Bay Limestone Round challenge
- Emma Harris: £130 from her combined pony trek and run challenge
- Accessible Conference donation £969.26



Financial Statement

Receipts and Payments for the year ending 31st March 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020 Total
RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£
Government Grants	13,560		13,560	28,700
Grants		2,500	2,500	(all grants)
Donations & Legacies	25,032		25,032	3,570
Gift Aid			-	66
Site Assessments			-	1,400
Lease Agreements	3,972		3,972	3,775
Membership Fees	248		248	1,242
Interest			-	27
Travel reimbursement	221		221	63
Total Receipts	<u>43,033</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>45,533</u>	38,843
PAYMENTS				
Assessment Costs				1,180
Bank Charges	69		69	40
Insurances	697		697	697
Office Equipment plus other costs and expenses	277		277	990
Partnership Agreements	39		39	209
Pay and Pensions	21,809		21,809	21,764
Printing, Postage & Stationery	353		353	874
Rent	1,050		1,050	1,700
Repairs	1,311		1,311	652
Subscriptions	147		147	
Telephone	40		40	

Travel and Accommodation	484	484	1,714
Website Costs	770	770	770
Total Payments	<u>27,046</u>	<u>27,046</u>	30,590

Year-end summary to 31 March 2021	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
NET	15,987	2,500	18,487	8,253
Cash Funds B/F	33,294	3,700	36,994	28,741
Cash Funds C/F	49,281	6,200	55,481	36,994

Grants & Restricted Donations – received & held in 20/21 carried forward to 21/22: 27,215

Kept as reserves, as per reserves policy: 15,680

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

Assets	£
Vehicles	30,334
Office equipment	1,045
Bank Account	55,471
Petty Cash	10
Gift Aid Reclaim (estimate)	467
Total Assets	87,327
 Liabilities	 0

Reserves Policy

In the opinion of the trustees the reserves are satisfactory for the forthcoming year. We intend to maintain our unrestricted funds (reserves) at a level, which, is at least equivalent to six (6) months to provide financial stability for our principal activities and are considered sufficient to fulfil our continuing obligations (running costs, wages) and to respond to emergency needs which arise from time to time. We continue to monitor the needs of the charity and of our partners and have utilised the Government furlough scheme where appropriate, to reserve revenue for the future.

We also continue to find and assess new sites in which to situate Trampers and to make regular applications to potential funders.

Restricted Funds relate to Trumper purchase

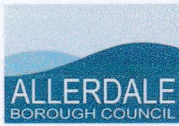
Signed on behalf of the board:



Aidie Jones
Chair of the Trustees



Lake District
National Park



Forestry England

Jacobs

LANGDALE



THE DOWAGER COUNTESS
ELEANOR PEEL TRUST

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Lake District Mobility

Charity number 1172739

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Lake District Mobility (the Charity) for the year ended 31 March 2021 set out on pages 8-9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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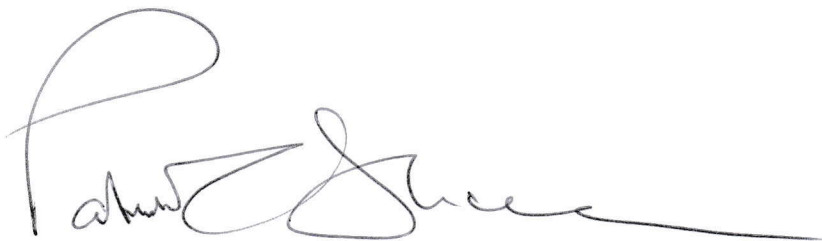
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1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:



Patrick M Sharman

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Date 26 January 2022