

Woody's Lodge
Charity Number 1173752
Annual Report & Financial Statements
For the period Ended 31 MARCH 2023

Report of the Trustees (including strategic report) for the year ending 31 March 2023

Chair's report

The trustees are pleased to present their annual trustees' report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year ending 31 March 2023 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Trustees' Report and Accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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1. Members of the Board (at 31.3.23) and Professional Advisors

Members of the Board

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Ray Paul James Earls
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None appointed

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- 2) CAF Bank – 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent , ME19 4JQ

2. Trustees Annual Report 01 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 - CEO Report

As the CEO of Woody's Lodge, I am immensely proud of the significant impact our charity has had on the lives of our armed forces, emergency service communities, and their families across Wales. Since our inception, our dedicated staff and volunteers have gone above and beyond to provide a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment where our beneficiaries can access vital services, engage in meaningful activities, and find a sense of belonging.

Over The Past Year

We have witnessed a surge in demand for our services due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, and our team has risen to the challenge to accommodate the diverse needs of our beneficiaries. We have seen incredible growth in the number of individuals seeking our support in areas such as benefit claims, housing, mental and physical health, and social connections. With the invaluable support of our funders, such as the Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity (RNRMC), Armed Forces Covenant, Veterans Foundation, and the Welsh Government, we have been able to expand our services and strengthen our partnerships with other organisations, ensuring a comprehensive support network for our community.

Looking To The Future

We are filled with excitement and optimism as we continue to evolve and adapt to the changing needs of our beneficiaries. Our focus remains on delivering the best possible support and assistance to our armed forces and emergency service communities, and their families. We are dedicated to refining our services, expanding our range of activities, and exploring innovative solutions to enhance the efficiency of our support teams.

Partnerships and Collaborations

We also look forward to further developing our partnerships and collaborations with third-party organisations, sharing best practices, and working together to provide a holistic support network for our beneficiaries. Through these collaborative efforts, we aim to create a lasting and positive impact on the lives of our beneficiaries, empowering them to overcome challenges, build resilience, and thrive in their civilian lives.

Recognition For The Support Received

As we embark on this exciting journey, we are immensely grateful for the unwavering support of our funders, partners, staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, our beneficiaries who continue to inspire us with their courage, strength, and camaraderie.

Our Background and Achievements

In 2013, a group of individuals with a shared vision came together to establish Woody's Lodge. From its humble beginnings as a Veterans' PTSD Community Group based at Penarth Pier Pavilion, the charity has since become a leading organization serving and supporting thousands of individuals and families across Wales and beyond, including those in the Armed Forces and Emergency Services.

Woody's Lodge is a tribute to the life and aspirations of Paul "Woody" Woodland, RM SBS, who wished to live a peaceful life in the countryside after serving. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of ordinary people, the charity has achieved something remarkable.

The "table and kettle" that once symbolised a small gathering place has transformed into a network of three farm sites, 11 town based "Drop In" centres, unique woodland sites, and Flat Holme Island. Woody's 18 staff and volunteers extend their work to rural, green countryside settings that bring peace and positivity to those they help.

Since its inception, Woody's Lodge has had thousands of visits from Armed Forces Veterans, Reservists, their families, and an increasing number of people currently working for the Emergency Services. The charity's help may range from offering a shoulder to lean on, a simple chat over a brew, to form filling with our support team. The latter aspect of Woody's work, the Support Team, has realised over £900,000 pounds in benefits and pensions for more than 2,500 people. Small amounts can make a life-changing difference to so many.

Woody's Lodge has partnered with numerous agencies and Armed Forces charities to provide holistic support for those they work with. As the organisation has grown, its influence with government, welfare and health services, and universities across Wales and the UK has increased, enabling it to establish unique partnerships.

The private sector has also been essential for Woody's future growth, including support from Dunster House, Pinnacle Solutions, Kingspan, Mason Removals, and many others.

Looking ahead, Woody's Lodge will continue to be at the forefront of supporting the Armed Forces and Emergency Services' family, wherever and whenever support is needed. As the current Chair's term comes to a close, Clive Hamilton, the Vice Chair, and the outgoing Chair will work together as joint Co-Chairs to ensure a smooth handover and succession within the Board of Trustees. It is with a great sense of pride and thanks that Clive will take on the privileged role of Woody's Chair. The charity is in good hands.

Through laughter, tears, and unsung heroes, Woody's Lodge has become a beacon of hope and support for those who have served and continue to serve our country. As a civilian, it has been an absolute honour to call so many remarkable people my friends and a personal way of thanking the Armed Forces and Emergency Services for all they do and have done.

Mission Statement

Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of our armed forces, emergency service communities, and their families in Wales and beyond.

Graham Jones
CEO, Woody's Lodge

Date: 19th Jan 2024

3. Governance and Public Benefit

Woody's Lodge was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organization by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 10 July 2017.

Woody's Lodge was registered using the model of constitution provided by the CCEW.

The Constitution of the Woody's Lodge allows for the appointment of up to nine trustees. The current Board intends to recruit new trustees with experience in the UK Armed Forces, Veteran and Blue Light services care, Mental Health, Treatment of PTSD, Charity Management and Operation, Legal aspects of UK Charities.

Public Benefit Statement

The Woody's Lodge's charitable objects are:

- to relieve the needs of veterans of the armed forces and emergency services by providing a Centre to offer support and guidance to such persons, in particular the provision of services directed towards the preservation and protection of their physical and mental health through the provision of financial advice, advocacy, support, education and practical advice.
- to promote social inclusion among veterans of the armed forces and emergency services for the public benefit by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental) substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards).

The trustees have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regards to public and benefit guidance published by the CCEW when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

4. Statements of Financial Activities

Income and expenditure account

Charity Commission Form CC16a Follows



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Accounts for Woodys Lodge -FY23

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

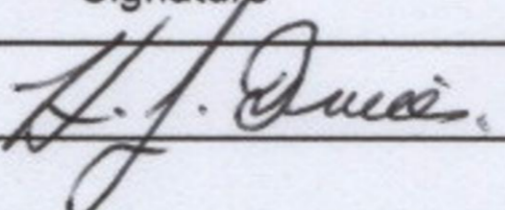
To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Transport	-	-	-	-	-
Salaries/HMRC/Pensions	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing and Merchandising	-	-	-	-	5,655
Events and Activities	-	-	-	-	-
Donations	121,471	-	-	121,471	63,238
Grants	87,884	181,024	-	268,908	274,030
Admin/IT/Training	-	-	-	-	-
Rent and Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	209,356	181,024	-	390,379	342,923
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	209,356	181,024	-	390,379	342,923
A3 Payments					
Marketing and Merchandising	10,035	9,010	-	19,044	18,591
Events and Activities	73,244	11,719	-	84,964	50,337
Donations	-	-	-	-	1,749
Administraion	8,927	24,969	-	33,895	24,587
Travel	11,987	14,167	-	26,154	24,398
Salaries/HMRC/Pensions	121,238	156,153	-	277,391	198,999
Motor Expenses/Transport	359	10,082	-	9,724	7,085
Rent and Utilities	20,844	14,216	-	35,060	17,481
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	245,916	240,316	-	486,232	343,228
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	245,916	240,316	-	486,232	343,228
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 36,561	- 59,293	-	- 95,853	- 304
A5 Adj - Move PPWW To Rest	2,438	2,438	-	0	2,028
A6 Cash funds last year end	100,462	110,811	-	211,273	213,605
Cash funds this year end	61,463	53,956	-	115,419	211,273

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		61,493	53,926	-
	Bank Adj carried over to FY24	- 30	30	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	61,463	53,956	-
		OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		H. J. DAVIDS	19.1.24	

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Balance Sheet

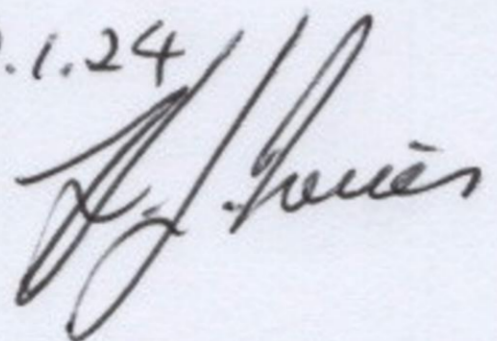
	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at bank and in hand		-		-
		115,419		211,273
Total Current Assets		<u>115,419</u>		<u>211,273</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Liabilities		-		-
Total Current Liabilities		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)		<u>115,419</u>		<u>211,273</u>
The Funds of the charity				
Unrestricted income funds	61,463		100,462	
Retained Restricted income funds	53,956		110,811	
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	115,419	<u><u>115,419</u></u>	211,273	<u><u>211,273</u></u>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Howard Davies

Date: 20.1.24

Signature:



Notes to the accounts:

1. Basis of preparation of the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with trust law, applicable accounting standards, the Charities SORP (FRS102) (second edition – October 2019) and the Charities Act 2011.

2. Fund accounting

- a) **Unrestricted funds:** Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use of the trustees' discretion in furtherance of any of the objective of the charity.
- b) **Designated funds:** Designated funds are general funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.
- c) **Restricted funds:** Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area for a specific purpose or project, generally granted by a Central or Local Government via an Institutional Grant Funding Body.
- d) **Trustee Remuneration:** No trustee received remuneration, or financially through a related party.
- e) **Related Party Transactions:** There are no related Party Transaction.
- f) **Staff:** At end of period (1.4.22 - 31.3.23) total of 22 staff.
Paid out of **Restricted funds** 9 staff - supporting various Grant funded projects.
Paid out of **Unrestricted funds** 13 staff - comprising Executive ,Operational and admin staff.

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3. Comparative information by fund

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £
Income :				
<u>Grant Received</u>				
Grants	87,884	181,024	33,030	241,000
Total	87,884	181,024	33,030	241,000
<u>Donations</u>				
General and Ad Hoc/Events	121,471	-	63,238	-
Marketing and Merchandising	-	-	5,655	-
Total	121,471	-	68,893	-
Total Income	209,356	181,024	101,923	241,000

Notes to the accounts, comparative information by fund (continued)

	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2022 £	Restricted 2022 £
<u>Expenditure:</u>				
<u>Raising funds</u>				
Events and Activities	73,244	11,719	24,696	25,642
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	73,244	11,719	24,696	25,642
<u>Charitable activities and administration</u>				
Marketing and Merchandising	10,035	9,010	-	18,591
Salaries and staff costs	121,238	156,153	3,720	195,279
Travel and subsistence	11,987	14,167	29	24,369
Administration	8,927	24,969	178	24,410
Motor expenses	(359)	10,082	-	7,085
Donations	-	-	1,749	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

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	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	151,828	214,381	5,676	269,734
<u>Establishment Costs</u>				
Rent and Utilities	20,844	14,216	1,241	16,240
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	20,844	14,216	1,241	16,240
Total expenses	245,916	240,316	31,613	311,615

Notes to the accounts (continued)

4. Cash at bank and in hand (NB:CAF accounts opened 23.5.22 so accounted for in FY23- 2023 below)

	2023(period end 31.3.23) £	2022(period end 31.3.22) £
CAF Current account	29, 547	N/A
CAF Grant Fund	48,508	N/A
CAF Pen Lan	25,578	N/A
Nat West Current	4,995	75,802
Nat West Grant	4,994	101,637
Nat West Pen Lan	1,797	33,834
	-	-
Total	115,419	211,273



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Woody's Lodge

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2023

Charity no
(if any) 1173752

Set out on pages

ATTACHED. (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/03/2023**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Laure J. Voisey

Date: 19/01/2024

Name:

Laure Voisey

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NOT APPLICABLE