



**Woody's Lodge**

**Charity Number 1173752**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements**

**For the period Ended 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Report of the Trustees (including strategic report) for the year ending 31 March 2024**

**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 2024 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 31.3.24) and Professional Advisors

### Members of the Board

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### Legal Advisors

None appointed

### Banks

- 1) Nat West Business Banking, 2 Plymouth Road, Penarth, South Glamorgan, CF64 3YN
- 2) CAF Bank – 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent , ME19 4JQ

## 2. Trustees Annual Report 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 - CEO Report

As the CEO of Woody's Lodge, I reflect with immense pride on the transformative journey our charity has undertaken, profoundly impacting the lives of our armed forces, emergency service communities, and their families across Wales. From its inception, Woody's Lodge has been a sanctuary—a place of solace and support—reflecting the vision of Paul "Woody" Woodland, RM SBS. His dream of peace and camaraderie in the countryside continues to guide and inspire our mission.

The dedication and commitment of our staff and volunteers have been extraordinary. They have consistently created a safe, inclusive environment where our beneficiaries can access vital services, participate in enriching activities, and foster meaningful connections. Over the past year, we have faced an unprecedented surge in demand for our services—a testament to the trust placed in Woody's Lodge and the growing need within our community. However, this surge has also occurred against the backdrop of significant financial challenges.

The ongoing cost of living crisis has deeply impacted veterans, emergency service personnel, and their families, many of whom are struggling to make ends meet. This has amplified the urgency of our mission but also placed enormous strain on our charity's resources. Rising operational costs have made it increasingly difficult to maintain the high quality and accessibility of the services we provide. Despite these challenges, we have remained steadfast in our commitment to supporting those who rely on us.

The growth of Woody's Lodge has been substantial. More individuals than ever are turning to us for assistance with benefit claims, housing support, and navigating complex mental and physical health challenges. The social connections and sense of belonging cultivated within our community have proven invaluable, providing a network of support that extends far beyond our physical hubs.

Our achievements this year would not have been possible without the unwavering support of our funders, including the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust (ACFT), Veterans Foundation, and the Garfield Weston Foundation (GWF). These partnerships have been instrumental in allowing us to expand our services, ensuring that we can continue to meet the growing needs of our beneficiaries.

Looking ahead, we are filled with hope and determination. We are committed to adapting our services to meet the evolving needs of our community, refining our offerings, and exploring innovative ways to enhance our efficiency and impact. While we navigate these financial challenges, we remain focused on sustaining the high standards for which Woody's Lodge is known.

Collaboration will remain at the heart of our strategy. By strengthening existing partnerships and forging new ones, we aim to create an even more comprehensive support network. Sharing best practices and working closely with third-party organisations will enable us to make a lasting, positive difference in the lives of those we serve.

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As we embark on this next chapter, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our funders, partners, staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, our beneficiaries. Your resilience, camaraderie, and unwavering support are the foundation of all we do.

The journey of Woody's Lodge, from a humble "table and kettle" to a network of hubs, drop-in centres, and unique woodland sites, is a testament to the collective dedication of everyone involved. Together, we have built a beacon of hope and support for our armed forces, emergency service communities, and their families—a legacy we will continue to uphold with pride and purpose.

### **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: 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024

### 3. Governance and Public Benefit

Woody's Lodge is a Charity registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation 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 (including Income & Expenditure) for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming resources from:</b>				
Donations & legacies (Note 3)	133,287	370	133,657	121,471
Grants (Note 3)	13,248	212,130	225,378	268,908
<b>Total</b>	<b>146,535</b>	<b>212,500</b>	<b>359,035</b>	<b>390,379</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Raising Funds (Note 4)	42,545	19,785	<b>62,330</b>	84,964
Charitable activities and administration (Note 4)	130,688	192,228	<b>322,916</b>	366,209
Establishment Costs (Note 4)	28,346	5,004	<b>33,350</b>	35,060
<b>Total</b>	<b>201,579</b>	<b>217,017</b>	<b>418,596</b>	<b>486,232</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	<b>(55,044)</b>	<b>(4,517)</b>	<b>(59,561)</b>	<b>(95,853)</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<b>(55,044)</b>	<b>(4,517)</b>	<b>(59,561)</b>	<b>(95,853)</b>
Transfer between funds	<b>(30)</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>(55,074)</b>	<b>(4,487)</b>	<b>(59,561)</b>	<b>(95,853)</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	61,493	53,926	115,419	211,272
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>49,439</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>

**Balance Sheet as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>				
Tangible Assets	-	-	-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Current assets</b>				
Stocks	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-
Investments	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 5)	6,419	49,439	55,858	115,419
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>49,439</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>49,439</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>
<b>Total assets less net current liabilities</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>49,439</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>				
Restricted Funds	-	49,439	49,439	53,956
Unrestricted Funds	6,419	-	6,419	61,463
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>6,419</b>	<b>49,439</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Name: Owen James

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Signature:



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**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) 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 (1.4.23 - 31.3.24) total of 17 staff.  
Paid out of **Restricted funds** 12 staff - supporting various Grant funded projects.  
Paid out of **Unrestricted funds** 5 staff - comprising Executive, Operational and admin staff.

### 3. Comparative information by fund – Income

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
<b>Income:</b>				
<b><u>Grant Received</u></b>				
Grants	13,248	212,130	87,884	181,024
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,248</b>	<b>212,130</b>	<b>87,884</b>	<b>181,024</b>
<b><u>Donations</u></b>				
General and Ad Hoc/Events	133,287	370	121,471	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>133,287</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>121,471</b>	<b>-</b>
 <b>Total Income</b>	 <b>146,535</b>	 <b>212,500</b>	 <b>209,355</b>	 <b>181,024</b>

#### 4. Comparative information by fund - Expenditure

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £
<b>Expenditure:</b>				
<b><u>Raising funds</u></b>				
Events and Activities	42,545	19,785	73,244	11,719
<b>Total</b>	<b>42,545</b>	<b>19,785</b>	<b>73,244</b>	<b>11,719</b>
<b><u>Charitable activities and administration</u></b>				
Marketing and Merchandising	11,265	-	10,035	9,010
Salaries and staff costs	97,691	171,085	121,238	156,153
Travel and subsistence	10,707	9,345	11,987	14,167
Administration	11,381	3,564	8,927	24,969
Motor expenses	(356)	8,234	(359)	10,082
<b>Total</b>	<b>130,688</b>	<b>192,228</b>	<b>151,828</b>	<b>214,381</b>
<b><u>Establishment Costs</u></b>				
Rent and Utilities	28,346	5,004	20,844	14,216
<b>Total</b>	<b>28,346</b>	<b>5,004</b>	<b>20,844</b>	<b>14,216</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>201,579</b>	<b>217,017</b>	<b>245,916</b>	<b>240,316</b>

## Notes to the accounts (continued)

### 5. Cash at bank and in hand

	2024 (period end 31.3.24) £	2022 (period end 31.3.23) £
CAF Current account	5,429	29,547
CAF Grant Fund	49,239	48,508
CAF Pen Lan	597	25,578
Nat West Current	195	4,995
Nat West Grant	199	4,994
Nat West Pen Lan	199	1,797
<b>Total</b>	<b>55,858</b>	<b>115,419</b>

## 5. Statement by Independent Examiner



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

### Independent examiner's report on the accounts

#### Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Woody's Lodge

On accounts for the year  
ended

31st March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1173752

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,

- the accounting records were kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed:

Date:

27<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Name:

Andrew Simms

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

CPFA

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## 6. Future Developments

The trustees are engaged in maintaining and furthering the current activity as it is proving to be successful and beneficial for the charity targeted community and its beneficiaries.