



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	12 th	May	2022		11	November	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Helm at Croglin
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1198937
Charity's principal address	1, Mulcaster Place Croglin, Nr. Carlisle, Cumbria Postcode CA4 9RX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ruth Lawley	Chair		
2	Julian Whittle	Secretary		
3	Mark Hetherington	Treasurer		
4	Louise Fawcett			
5	Bryan Gray			
6	Mary Robinson			
7	Fiona Stobart			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees at AGM

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are to establish and run a Community and Heritage Centre to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of, and visitors to, the Parish of Croglin and the neighbourhood ("area of benefit") without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or political, religious or other opinions the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The main activities from 2022-23 fall in two main categories

1. Community Engagement.

- i. This included establishment of a communication system including a 'Helm at Croglin' Facebook page and regular use of local Whats App groups together with local Parish News publications. Articles appeared on local Radio and in local newspapers.
- ii. Throughout 2022 there was an online survey completed by participants and visitors giving useful information about the needs of the community and visitors.
- iii. Developing partnerships with
 - Ainstable PCC, Fell Foot Forward and AONB, Eden District Council and Westmorland and Furness Council
 - Local schools including William Howard Secondary School youth programme
 - Interest groups including U3A, Brampton Walkers, Sarah Losh Heritage Centre, Brampton Walkers, Lake District Mobility
 - Local businesses
- iv. Specific activities included:
 - a Summer Activity Day in July 2022 with churchyard tours, orienteering, teas and games.
 - Christmas Crafts Making Day in December 2022
 - 4 Local Heritage Talks were given in Spring 2023
 - A guided bat walk and a guided nature walk took place in Summer 2023

2. Working towards refurbishment of the Church Building in Croglin.

- i. This involved activity aimed at taking on the long term lease of the building.
Negotiation of the lease with Carlisle Diocese
Agreement about the reuse of the contents of the church
and disposal of other contents with the local PCC
Completion of the Petition to repurpose the church
Appointment of a Solicitor
- ii. Formulation of a Development Plan with the Programme Managers including interior design for flexible usage
- iii. Application for planning permission including undertaking a bat survey. Planning Permission was acquired in October 2023
- iv. Fundraising including successful applications to Ainstable Parish Council, Eden District Council and Community Ownership Fund and unsuccessful applications to Heritage Lottery Fund and Rural Development Fund. A new fundraising strategy is in development.
- v. Opening a bank account and fundraising platform
- vi. Development of Safeguarding, child protection and equal opportunity policies

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

1. Raised awareness of The Helm at Croglin, its purpose and activities through local media and social media.
2. Continued to gather information about users' needs and preferences through online and face to face questionnaires
3. Developed a network of partnerships with local public bodies, interest groups, businesses, schools and individuals
4. Delivered 8 activity days or sessions raising awareness of local natural history and heritage engaging over 250 people thereby increasing local knowledge and pride in place.
5. Through communication with Carlisle Diocese agreed a lease which is poised for completion when funding is achieved.
6. Gained planning permission and received 3 local tenders for refurbishment.
7. Funded the Development Plan and achieved planning permission.
8. Established a bank account and fundraising platform.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity is newly incorporated and set up specifically to deliver a community project by bringing a redundant church back into use as a community facility. The project will only proceed if sufficient grant funding is obtained from major donors such as the National Lottery and Levelling Up. Until funding has been secured the Charity is only incurring minimal cost and this is being met by fundraising events and small grants. At present the Charity operates with an expected minimum reserves policy of £1,000 to cover the cost of disbanding the Charity should it no longer be required.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Nothing to report at present.

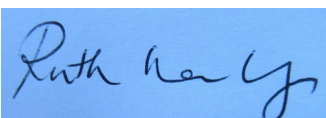
Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)	Ruth Lawley	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	8.12.23	

COGS Community Orchard Group Sedbergh Income & Expenditure

Registered Charity 1173754

Income

Carried forward	647.75
Memberships	146.00
Grants	0.00
Apple Day takings	0.00
Coffee Morning	202.40
Donations	152.00
Interest	0.34
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Expenditure

Orchard

Other

Total income

1148.49

Total expenditure

Balance

Jacqueline Smith
Treasurer, COGS
Mar-22

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: Accounts 1 Mar 2021 - 28 Feb 2022

Improvements	168.62
Mowing	100.00
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	268.62

Insurance	168.00
Apple Day expenses	0.00
SLOG membership	30.00
Room hire	0.00
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COGS Community Orchard Group Sedbergh Income & Expenditure Accounts 1 Mar 2022 - 28 Feb 2023

Registered Charity 1173754

Income

Carried forward	681.87
Memberships	178.00
Grants	0.00
Apple Day takings	359.19
Coffee Morning	0.00
Donations	66.00
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Total income	<div>1285.06</div>
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Expenditure

Orchard	
Improvements	0.00
Mowing	157.50
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Other	
Insurance	157.00
Apple Day expenses	217.00
SLOG membership(2022, 2023)	60.00
Room hire	10.00
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	444.00

Total expenditure	<div>601.50</div>
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End Balance

683.56

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