

Petty Pool

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	The Petty Pool Trust funds	Total funds	Total funds
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS					
Donations and legacies	7,183	42,064	1,000	50,247	42,380
Other trading activities	-	-	48,000	48,000	48,000
Management charge	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	-	24,315	24,315	23,148
Other fixed asset invest - FII	-	-	-	-	118
Deposit account interest	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	712,296	-	8,802	721,098	501,333
Sales and supplies	-	18,975	-	18,975	39,384
Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Service level agreements	2,718,253	-	-	2,718,253	2,335,339
Total incoming resources	3,430,549	18,975	8,802	3,458,326	2,876,056
EXPENDITURE					
Raising donations and legacies	-	-	46,625	46,625	-
Fundraising expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	9,169	9,169	10,173
Charitable activities	2,220,911	23,188	-	2,244,099	1,895,884
Wages	183,233	-	-	183,233	156,988
Social security	65,594	-	-	65,594	55,872
Pensions	2,369	-	-	2,369	4,351
Rates and water	48,326	-	-	48,326	42,134
Insurance	64,317	-	-	64,317	68,763
Light and heat	40,705	-	-	40,705	35,541
Postage and stationery	12,528	-	-	12,528	12,058
Residents' and students' trips	47,166	-	-	47,166	38,658
Motor expenses	10,764	410	-	11,174	14,896
Farm costs	55,680	22,402	-	78,082	69,760
Repairs	50,314	7,232	-	57,546	48,094
Educational costs	65,429	-	-	65,429	59,052
Catering and accommodation	(4,353)	-	-	(4,353)	4,690
Bad debts	2,707	-	-	2,707	1,334
OEC gift shop costs	2,862,983	53,232	-	2,918,922	2,508,075
Carried forward					

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The movement in funds of the linked charity, The Petty Pool Trust, are as follows:

Net movements in funds	£	At 1.8.23	£	At 31.7.24
Unrestricted funds	53,878	(221,212)	(167,334)	1,085,132
General fund	1,084,375	757		
Designated building funds	1,138,253	(220,455)	917,798	
Endowment funds	1,049,571	119,551	1,169,122	
Legacy Endowment fund	2,187,824	(100,904)	2,086,920	

20. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATIONS

The Charity operates a defined contribution scheme. The assets of which are held separately from the assets of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £71,634 (2023 £59,892).

21. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Brabners LLP were invoiced £500 in respect of a course which was paid post year end. Brabners LLP charged the Charity £192 in respect of legal fees during the year which was paid during the year.

22. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Personal Development Through Outdoor Activities

This is funding to provide outdoor learning activities for young people.

Support Funding for Staff Volunteering Days

This funding from Barclays to enable its staff to volunteer their time to carry work on site.

Provision of Adult Health & Wellbeing Day Services in Macclesfield

The funding was used to pay for staff salaries to operate the service.

Learner Golf Programme

The funding was used to pay for golf lessons for learners as part of the Swing into Golf programme.

PPC Member Equipment

The funding was received to enable the Charity to buy silent disco equipment for Petty Pool in the Community.

Climbing Wall Upgrade

The funding was received to enable the Charity to make modifications to the OEC's climbing wall.

Canoe Equipment

The funding has enabled the charity to purchase new canoes and equipment.

Joshua Tree Partial OEC Staff Funding

The funding was to provide a contribution towards the cost of a tutor.

Spacehive Donation for PPC Minibus

To provide funding towards a minibus for the charity to operate the Petty Pool in the Community.

The charity also received a number of donations under £1000 to fund various projects or purchase equipment.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	3,437,732	(3,403,836)	-	33,896
Restricted funds				
Personal Development Through Outdoor Activities	8,175	(4,020)	-	4,155
Support Funding for Staff Volunteering Days	6,500	(6,670)	-	(170)
Leaner QuietSpace Provision	-	(1,166)	-	(1,166)
Provision of Adult Health & Wellbeing Day Services in Macclesfield	-	(14,886)	-	(14,886)
23/24 Events	400	(400)	-	-
Site work	483	(483)	-	-
Learner Golf Programme	5,731	(5,138)	-	593
CO-OP - College Communicationb Project	846	-	-	846
PFC Member Equipment	2,658	(2,222)	-	436
Delamere Station Upkeep	187	(31)	-	156
Climbing Wall Upgrade	9,800	(3,546)	-	6,254
Football Equipment	1,000	(130)	-	870
Canoe Equipment	9,800	(10,730)	-	(930)
Joshua TreePartial OBC Staff Funding	5,764	(4,283)	-	1,481
Spacehive Donation for PPC Minibus	9,695	-	-	9,695
The Petty Pool Trust	61,039	(53,705)	-	7,334
	82,117	(287,621)	104,597	(100,907)
TOTAL FUNDS	3,580,888	(3,745,162)	104,597	(59,677)

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15. STOCKS	Stocks	31.7.24	4,086
		£	2,533
		31.7.23	2,533
16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	Trade debtors	31.7.24	130,066
	Other debtors	£	43,613
	Prepayments and accrued income	31.7.23	188,976
		£	42,998
		444,725	41,756
17. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	Trade creditors	31.7.24	362,655
	Social security and other taxes	£	188,976
	Other creditors	31.7.23	43,613
	Accruals and deferred income	£	42,998
		444,725	41,756
Included within debtors on the Balance Sheet is an inter-company balance of £198,987 between Petty Pool and the linked charity which has been netted off and so not disclosed in the above or Note 17.			
18. SECURED DEBTS	Deferred income comprises sales invoices raised in advance of the year to which it relates.	31.7.24	436,245
		£	265,737
	Balance as at 1st August 2023	31.7.23	15,948
	Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	£	55,795
	Amount deferred in year	13,981	98,765
	Balance as at 31st July 2024	£	46,746
		12,575	12,704
		12,575	268,532
		31.7.24	341,963
Virgin Money holds a legal first charge over the Outdoor Centre in respect of the overdraft and company credit cards held.			

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12. NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	The Petty Pool	Total funds	Total funds
Year Ended	31.7.24				Year Ended
Unrealised gains/(losses) - on fixed asset investments	-	-	74,554	74,554	(72)
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	-	-	30,043	30,043	(6,481)
	-	-	104,597	104,597	(6,653)

13. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

COST	At 1 August 2023	Additions	At 31 July 2024	DEPRECIATION	At 1 August 2023	Charge for year	At 31 July 2024	NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 July 2024
Freehold property	889,405	-	889,405	889,405	590,053	-	590,053	136,353	3,181
Building	590,053	-	590,053	590,053	139,534	-	139,534	110,853	6,925
Plant and machinery	136,353	3,181	139,534	139,534	110,853	6,925	117,778	21,756	25,500
Motor vehicles	183,341	69,470	252,811	252,811	145,906	24,179	170,085	82,726	25,493
Computer equipment	80,968	14,824	95,792	95,792	54,456	15,843	70,299	25,493	26,512
Totals	1,946,363	89,497	2,035,860	2,035,860	941,705	100,232	1,041,937	993,923	1,004,658

COST	At 1 August 2023	Additions	At 31 July 2024	DEPRECIATION	At 1 August 2023	Charge for year	At 31 July 2024	NET BOOK VALUE	At 31 July 2024
Fixtures and fittings	66,243	2,022	68,265	68,265	50,406	6,042	56,448	11,817	15,837
Motor vehicles	183,341	69,470	252,811	252,811	145,906	24,179	170,085	82,726	37,435
Computer equipment	80,968	14,824	95,792	95,792	54,456	15,843	70,299	25,493	26,512
Totals	1,946,363	89,497	2,035,860	2,035,860	941,705	100,232	1,041,937	993,923	1,004,658

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Raising donations and legacies

Investment management costs

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

8. SUPPORT COSTS

Vocational Centre
Outdoor Education Centre
Petty Pool in the Community

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued
Basic financial assets

Financial instruments
Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Other financial assets
Other financial assets, including investments in equity instruments which are not subsidiaries, associates or joint ventures, are initially measured at fair value, which is normally the transaction price. Such assets are subsequently carried at fair value and the changes in fair value are recognised in profit or loss, except that investments in equity instruments that are not publicly traded and whose fair values cannot be measured reliably are measured at cost less impairment.

Impairment of financial assets
Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through profit or loss, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting end date.

Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected. If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in profit or loss.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the company transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Employee benefits

The costs of the short-term employee benefits are recognised as a liability and an expense, unless those costs are required to be recognised as part of the costs of stock or fixed assets. The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received. Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the company is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments which are listed on recognised stock exchanges are stated at year end market value. Fixed asset investments which are unlisted are stated at cost less provisions for reductions in value.

2.

DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	The Petty Pool Trust funds	Total funds	Total funds
7,183	42,064	1,000	50,247	42,380
£	£	£	£	£
31.7.23	31.7.24	31.7.23	31.7.24	31.7.23

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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)' (effective 1 January 2019), 'Financial Reporting Standard 102' The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations, are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield of the investment portfolio.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Provision is made for the replacement or repair of the Charity's assets when the need has been identified. The Charity provides for the future replacement of the buildings due to their short lifespan.

Governance costs

Governance costs include external audit, legal advice on governance matters, Trustees' expenses, and an apportionment of shared and indirect costs.

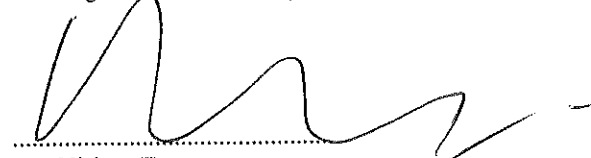
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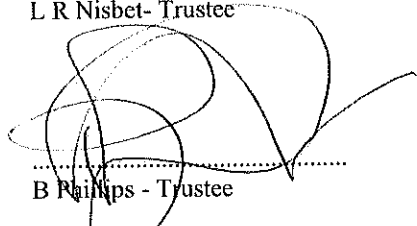
Balance Sheet 31 July 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	The Petty Pool Trust funds £	31.7.24 Total funds £	31.7.23 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS						
Tangible assets	13	132,097	9,695	852,131	993,923	1,004,658
Investments	14	-	-	1,433,120	1,433,120	1,387,691
		132,097	9,695	2,285,251	2,427,043	2,392,349
CURRENT ASSETS						
Stocks	15	4,086	-	-	4,086	2,533
Debtors	16	515,604	-	(152,949)	362,655	444,725
Cash at bank and in hand		307,216	22,238	40,293	369,747	289,319
		820,514	22,238	(112,656)	736,488	736,577
CREDITORS						
Amounts falling due within one year	17	(350,567)	-	(85,678)	(436,245)	(341,963)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		469,947	22,238	(198,334)	300,243	394,614
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		608,436	31,933	2,086,917	2,727,286	2,786,963
NET ASSETS		608,436	31,933	2,086,917	2,727,286	2,786,963
FUNDS	19					
Unrestricted funds					608,436	571,485
Restricted funds					31,933	27,654
Endowment funds					2,086,917	2,187,824
TOTAL FUNDS					2,727,286	2,786,963

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17th February 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:


L R Nisbet- Trustee


B Phillips - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Statement of Financial Activities
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)
for the Year Ended 31 July 2024

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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Petty Pool

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

1 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance about actual and potential litigation and claims, including review of relevant nominal ledger accounts.

2 - We obtained an understanding of laws, regulations and guidance that affect the Company, focusing on those that had a direct effect on the financial statements or that had a fundamental effect on its operations. Key laws, regulations and guidance that we identified included the Companies Act 2006, health and safety legislation and employment legislation.

3 - We enquired of management and those charged with governance to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We also reviewed meeting minutes for evidence of non-compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

4 - We reviewed the Company's financial statement disclosures and agreed to supporting documentation to assess compliance with the applicable laws and regulations discussed above.

5 - We gained an understanding of the controls that management have in place to prevent and detect fraud. We enquired of management about any incidences of fraud that had taken place during the accounting period.

6 - The risk of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations was discussed within the audit team and tests were planned and performed to address these risks.

7 - In addressing the risk of fraud due to management override of controls, we performed testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

8 - We also challenge management assumptions with regard to accounting estimates.

Despite appropriate planning and performing our work in accordance with International Auditing Standards, there are always inherent limitations that non-compliance is not detected. Non-compliance with laws and regulations is often further removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements and material misstatements due to fraud can be deliberately concealed from auditors, for example through misrepresentation, forgery or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Auditors.

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Report of the Independent Auditors to the Members of Petty Pool

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Petty Pool (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 July 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 July 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Options on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Report of the Trustees has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

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**Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

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L R Nisbet - Chair
B Phillips Director
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A H Cornwall-Legh - Vice Chair (resigned 31.7.24)
J B Cole - Treasurer (resigned 31.12.24)
E J Lees-Jones Chair of Education Sub Committee and Saf
G L A Josephs

Patrons
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Company Secretary
S Griffiths (resigned 4.12.23) – none appointed

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Petty Pool for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

FUTURE PLANS (contd)

Strategic Vision and Goals (2022-2027)

As part of our 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, Petty Pool has committed to a series of ambitious goals designed to drive growth and innovation. Significant progress has already been made, laying the groundwork for achieving these objectives within the set timelines. The board and leadership team, led by the CEO, are dedicated to ensuring these targets are met.

Our strategy focuses on seven core areas of development:

Delivering Outstanding Education

- Embed the RARPA curriculum and ensure EHCP outcomes guide student learning.
- Leverage a new management information system (MIS) to enhance performance and decision-making.
- Build a highly trained team with expertise in SEND support and a trauma-informed approach.
- Implement a robust quality assurance process to drive continuous improvement.

Expanding the Outdoor Education Centre

- Develop a comprehensive program offering forest schools, the John Muir Award, and Duke of Edinburgh opportunities.
- Launch a forest school outreach initiative and align outdoor learning with the national curriculum.
- Execute a targeted marketing strategy to attract new clients.

Enriching Student Experiences

- Expand Petty Pool in the Community to include after-college and weekend activities.
- Strengthen partnerships and enhance community engagement through programs like Petty Pool in the Community and a community shop.
- Increase on-site work experience opportunities.

Adapting and Future-Proofing

- Establish a new organisational structure with clear roles and accountability.
- Embed the charity's vision, mission, and values into daily operations and appraisals.
- Boost online visibility through blogs, vlogs, case studies, and social media.
- Foster strategic partnerships to expand impact and influence.
- Implement strong financial management and reporting processes.

Investing for Growth

- Conduct a full estate and asset review, establishing a 10-year plan.
- Develop a fundraising strategy aligned with growth objectives.
- Expand educational spaces and implement a transport plan for the site.

Reducing Environmental Impact

- Form a Sustainability Committee of students and staff to drive eco-friendly initiatives.
- Ensure ethical and sustainable procurement practices.
- Prioritise waste reduction and green utility options, integrating sustainability into decision-making.

Health, Safety, and Safeguarding Excellence

- Cultivate a proactive safety culture with student and staff ambassadors.
- Implement leading safety metrics and encourage a no-blame, supportive environment.
- Foster visible leadership and ongoing safety conversations.
- Ensure access to expert health and safety advice and embed safeguarding at all levels.

These strategic priorities are designed to strengthen Petty Pool's impact, ensuring sustainable growth and exceptional outcomes for students.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Charity wide

- Best Companies Outstanding Status
- Disability Confident status and working towards Disability Leadership for next year.
- Cyber Essentials Accreditation
- Cheshire and Warrington Pledge Award for best Alternative Provision

Petty Pool Vocational College

During the academic year 2023-24 much has been achieved:

- 92% attendance for young people at Petty Pool College is something we are very proud of.
- We retained 99% of our learners in the academic year.
- 98% Achievement rate for Vocational Subjects
- Our achievement in Functional Skills remains high with 100% in English and 94% in Maths.
- 28% of learners are entering employment or supported employment, when the national average is 5.1%

The Outdoor Education Centre

- Over 4,500 young people from the local area accessing the Outdoor Centre to take part in activities like canoeing, climbing and bushcraft.
- 300 different groups visited this year resulting in over 6,000 young people enjoying residential activity too from one to three nights.
- Welcomed 12 new schools visiting Petty Pool for the first time this year.
- Increase grants for project work including National Lottery and the UK Youth Fund.
- Successful inspection visits from the key awarding organisations for Outdoor Education.

Petty Pool in the Community (Adult Day Provision)

- Welcoming young people 5 days a week to engage with a wide range of activities.
- We have seen an increase of 55% since last year creating some extremely valuable experience for young people across Cheshire.
- We have between 55-60 young people regularly attending Petty Pool in the Community.
- The impact of the services has seen young people improve relationships, self-confidence and independence. This has been captured by surveying families and young people.

Investment performance

In 2023-24 our accounts show investment gains of £104,597, following losses of £6,553 in 2022-23. Income from investments rose to £24,315 from £23,266 in 2022/23.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

Our Activities

Petty Pool is a registered charity based near Northwich, Cheshire and is a Vocational College and Outdoor Education Centre set in over 40 acres of Cheshire woodland. Our vision is to make our provision the best it can be for our young people and visiting groups and to grow our offer in 3 key areas: The Vocational College, The Outdoor Education Centre and Enrichment Services.

We firmly believe this growth will not only support our current learners but set the scene for future cohorts, stakeholders and visitors. We are a high performing organisation offering a fantastic service to all who visit.

The Vocational College

We serve as a key partner for Cheshire College South & West (CCSW), delivering a substantial portion of their high-needs provision for young adults aged 16 to 25 with learning difficulties and disabilities across Cheshire and the North-West. This partnership subjects the charity to Ofsted inspections and robust internal and external quality assurance processes. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) is reviewed annually to ensure that the services provided by Petty Pool are accurately reflected in the financial arrangements.

All learners have an Education, Health, and Care Plan (EHCP) and present with a range of mild to moderate learning challenges. Through our admissions process, each learner's individual needs are assessed, allowing us to develop a tailored progression pathway aligned with their aspirations.

Learners benefit from personalised programs designed to meet their starting points and long-term goals. These programs, aligned with the Preparation for Adulthood framework, ensure that all learners can engage, achieve, and progress. Vocational accreditation supports their aspirations, and non-accredited learning is recorded through the Recognising and Recording Progress and Achievement (RARPA) framework. Our curriculum is focused on enabling meaningful outcomes, with a clear emphasis on preparing learners for purposeful employment.

All learners are aged 16 to 25, have an active EHCP, and are working at Pre-Entry, Entry Level, or Level 1. They participate in 16-19 Study Programmes funded by the ESFA through a subcontracting arrangement.

To help our young people gain employment, we provide opportunities for them to apply their skills in real-world settings through partnerships with local employers. These partnerships enable valuable work placements, both on-site, such as in our coffee shop, community shop, maintenance, horticulture, and catering-and within the broader community through various activities and services.

We have established strong relationships with 6 new employers this year offering a variety of opportunities for our young people from site visits to permanent jobs when they leave college. So in total we work with over 25 employers on a regular basis that enrich our curriculum and share our journey.

The Outdoor Education Centre

Our Outdoor Centre is a fantastic resource for our young people and visitors to Petty Pool. It is a resource that is well used by the local community, and we have a very good relationship with many local schools, reflected in the fact that 4500 young people visited last year. The impact of the outdoor centre for those that attend is significant, this is evidenced from school feedback and the number of schools rebooking for the following year.

We aim to deliver programmes in conjunction with the needs of the visiting school and work with them to develop skills to support the young people's growth. We focus on activities around teamwork, resilience, confidence building, and individuals self-esteem. We do this as day courses or as residential depending on group size and needs of the school.

Our programmes include climbing, high ropes, crate stack, archery, bushcraft, canoeing, team building exercises and forest school along with options of working with partners to grow our provision.

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