

# MOUNTAIN MOVERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1176708

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-01-17

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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**Website** [www.mountainmoverseducation.com](http://www.mountainmoverseducation.com)

## Activities

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**Objects:** FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE BEING EDUCATED OTHERWISE THAN AT SCHOOL, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, THOSE CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES. THOUGH CO-OPERATIVE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES, ENRICHMENT ARTS AND SPORTING ACTIVITIES. ENABLING THE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE IN SOCIETY WITH A POSITIVE SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND BELONGING. TO REDUCE SOCIAL ISOLATION OF BOTH THE CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES BY PROVIDING A REGULAR SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL SETTING TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SKILLS AS WELL AS PROVIDING SUPPORT, ADVICE AND SIGNPOSTING TO ADDITIONAL SERVICES. TO IMPROVE THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE OF PARENT/CARERS WHO HAVE TAKEN LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILD(REN) THROUGH THE PROVIDING OF ACCESS TO TRAINING, ADVICE AND SUPPORT SO THEY ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO EDUCATED THEIR CHILD(REN) IN A ROUNDED AND INFORMED MANNER. TO REDUCE POVERTY AND EASE THE FINANCIAL BURDEN FACED BY FAMILIES WHO TAKE LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATING THEIR CHILD(REN) THROUGH THE FACILITATION OF EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND TRAINING AS WELL AS THE SHARING OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES. TO PROMOTE GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF ELECTIVE HOME EDUCATION WITH THE AIM TO REDUCE HOSTILITY AND THE ASSOCIATED ISOLATION FOR THIS MINORITY GROUP.

**Activities:** Operating in South Wales, we provide access to inclusive educational, sporting, arts & social opportunities. Through our partnership with the Prince's Trust and ASDAN qualifications, our young people can develop qualifications that offer flexibility, choice and pathways to progression. We primarily support families who are home-educating at least one child with a disability.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

## Geography

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- Throughout Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£2,073	£2,219	-	-
2024-05-31	£5,454	£7,030	-	-
2023-05-31	£5,449	£8,219	-	-
2022-05-31	£9,642	£10,804	-	-
2021-05-31	£17,446	£9,672	-	-
2020-05-31	£15,575	£15,753	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Catherine Ann Tuck	Chair	2021-05-17
Cheryl Evans		2019-09-09
Katharine Victoria Morgan		2022-06-01

**MOUNTAIN MOVERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176708

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From June 2024 Period start date To May 2025 Period end date

Charity name: Mountain Movers

Charity registration number: 1176708

### Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>For the public benefit to advance education for children who are being educated otherwise than at school, in particular but not exclusively, those children with disabilities. Through co-operative learning opportunities, enrichment arts and sporting activities. Enabling children to participate as fully as possible in society with a positive sense of community and belonging. To reduce social isolation of both the children and their families by providing a regular safe and confidential setting to allow the development of social skills as well as providing support, advice and signposting to additional services. To improve the skills and knowledge of parents/carers who have taken legal responsibility for the education of their child(ren) through the providing of access to training, advice and support so they are better equipped to educate their child(ren) in a rounded and informed manner. To reduce poverty and ease the financial burden faced by families who take legal responsibility for educating their child(ren) through the facilitation of educational opportunities and training as well as the sharing of educational resources. To promote greater understanding of elective home education with the aim to reduce hostility and the associated isolation for this minority group.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Education – Prince's Trust and ASDAN's. Social meetings – regular weekly group meetings.</b>

services identified in the accounts.		
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have received and read guidance available by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Our Volunteers are vital to Mountain Movers ongoing success.</b>
Other		

### Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>The charity continues it's work with Prince's Trust Cymru as the only Home Education Group delivering it's GCSE recognised qualification in Wales.</b></p> <p><b>The charity continues its work with the Prince's Trust Advisory Panel to help design the qualification for the future and advise on it's delivery within the home education community.</b></p> <p><b>ASDAN qualifications continue on a distance learning basis to benefit the whole of the UK as well as our local area. These courses offer a valuable vocational educational opportunity to home educated children with additional needs in the UK.</b></p>

		<p><b>Our Friday Social group continues to provide home educated children and their families – the majority with a disability – with a regular, safe meeting space which caters for the additional needs of our amazing families.</b></p> <p><b>The Charity also continues it's support to members through supporting statements</b></p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The Charity Trustees recognise that the overall position of the charity is not as healthy as in previous years. Although we still have reserves to cover ongoing costs, the trustees will consider the viability of the charity in it's existing form over the next 12 months.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The trustees have set a level equivalent to 3 months of operating costs for the charity as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides a cash flow for ongoing projects such as Princes Trust, ASDAN and other educational expenditure paid in arrears. The reserves policy and the levels of reserves required are reviewed annually as part of the annual budget process.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>2423</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Mountain Movers is funded primarily by membership fees, and supplemented by fundraising bids such as Tesco and ASDA community funds, and Comic Relief Community Funds</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	

Other		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>There must be at least two charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 7. In accordance with the Constitution, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.. In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>First Aid Training. Safeguarding Level 2 and 3 Training. Voluntary Enhanced DBS Checks. Fire Warden Training. Food Hygiene Training. LGBTQIA+ training.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mountain Movers
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1176708

Charity's principal address	5, Pigsaw Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend. CF33 6BY

**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	Catherine Tuck	Chair		
2	Cheryl Evans	Trustee		
3	Katharine Morgan	Trustee		
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**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	<b>Signature(s)</b> CATuck	
	<b>Full name(s)</b> Catherine Ann Tuck	
	<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b> Chair	
	<b>Date</b> 31.5.2026	



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01.06.2023	To	31.05.2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Attendance Fees and Workshop Fees	440	-	-	440
Donations	3	-	-	3
ASDAN/Princes Trust - Educational Fees	1,630	-	-	1,630
Restricted Project Funds	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,073</b>
(see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,073</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Insurance	155	-	-	155
Rent	1,194	-	-	1,194
Equipment, Toys and Supplies	45	-	-	45
Website, Insurance, Training, DBS	119	-	-	119
ASDAN/Princes Trust	706	-	-	706
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,219</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,219</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 146</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 146</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,474</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,328</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Reserves as per reserves policy and reserves account	2,423	-
	Funding received	-	-
	Day to day operating expenses	1,905	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>4,328</b>	<b>-</b>
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		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
			-
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			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which</b>	<b>Amount due</b>
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Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature

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Print Name

C A Tuck

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**Last year**

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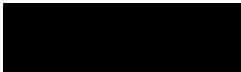
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**When due**


Date of approval
31.5.2026

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### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

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Date

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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Mountain Movers

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01.06.2023	To	31.05.2024
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Attendance Fees and Workshop Fees	1,773	-	-	1,773	-
Donations	231	-	-	231	-
ASDAN/Princes Trust - Educational Fees	1,083	-	-	1,083	-
Restricted Project Funds	-	2,367	-	2,367	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>3,087</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,454</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Workshops	370	-	-	370	-
Rent	2,920	-	-	2,920	-
Equipment, Toys and Supplies	316	-	-	316	-
Website, Insurance, Training, DBS	304	-	-	304	-
ASDAN/Princes Trust	432	500	-	932	-
Meeting Expenses/Fuel	131	-	-	131	-
Restricted Funds	-	1,656	-	1,656	-
volunteer expenses	400	-	-	400	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,873</b>	<b>2,156</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,029</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,786</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,575</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,260</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>4,474</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,685</b>	<b>-</b>

# 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Reserves as per reserves policy and reserves account	804	-	-
	Funding received	-	4,104	-
	Day to day operating expenses	223	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>4,104</b>	<b>-</b>

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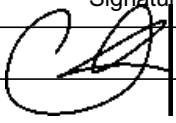
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	C A Tuck	6.7.2025

**MOUNTAIN MOVERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176708

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From June 2022 Period start date To May 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Mountain Movers

Charity registration number: 1176708

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>For the public benefit to advance education for children who are being educated otherwise than at school, in particular but not exclusively, those children with disabilities. Through co-operative learning opportunities, enrichment arts and sporting activities. Enabling children to participate as fully as possible in society with a positive sense of community and belonging. To reduce social isolation of both the children and their families by providing a regular safe and confidential setting to allow the development of social skills as well as providing support, advice and signposting to additional services. To improve the skills and knowledge of parents/carers who have taken legal responsibility for the education of their child(ren) through the providing of access to training, advice and support so they are better equipped to educate their child(ren) in a rounded and informed manner. To reduce poverty and ease the financial burden faced by families who take legal responsibility for educating their child(ren) through the facilitation of educational opportunities and training as well as the sharing of educational resources. To promote greater understanding of elective home education with the aim to reduce hostility and the associated isolation for this minority group.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Education – Prince's Trust and ASDAN's. Social meetings – regular weekly group meetings.</b>
Statement confirming	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees have received and read</b>

whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit		<b>guidance available by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</b>
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>Our Volunteers are incredibly valuable to Mountain Movers success, we quite honestly could not operate without the selfless dedication shown by so many of our wonderful parent volunteers, tutors and workshops. Thank you so much!</b>
Other		

### **Achievements and Performance**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p><b>The charity continues it's work with Prince's Trust Cymru as the only Home Education Group delivering it's GCSE recognised qualification in Wales.</b></p> <p><b>The charity has also joined the Prince's Trust Advisory Panel to help design the qualification for the future and advise on it's delivery within the home education community.</b></p> <p><b>ASDAN qualifications will be reinstated in late 2023 (it's delivery was paused until tutors had received full training from ASDAN). These courses offer a valuable vocational educational opportunity to home educated children with additional needs in the UK.</b></p> <p><b>Our Friday Social Group now has a focus on providing home educated children and their families – the majority with a disability – with a regular, safe meeting space which caters for the additional</b></p>

		<p><b>needs of our amazing families.</b></p> <p><b>The Charity also continues it's support to members through supporting statements.</b></p>
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**Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The Charity Trustees recognise that 2022-2023 overall has reduced our financial reserves.</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The trustees have set a level equivalent to 6 months of operating costs for the charity as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides a cash flow for ongoing projects such as Princes Trust, ASDAN and other educational expenditure paid in arrears. The reserves policy and the levels of reserves required are reviewed annually as part of the annual budget process.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>218</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>Mountain Movers is funded primarily by membership fees, and supplemented by fundraising bids such as Tesco and ASDA community funds, and Comic Relief Community Funds</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>There must be at least two charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 7. In accordance with the Constitution, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.. In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>First Aid Training. Safeguarding Level 2 and 3 Training. Voluntary Enhanced DBS Checks. Fire Warden Training. Food Hygiene Training. LGBTQIA+ training.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mountain Movers
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1176708

Charity's principal address	5, Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend. CF33 6BY



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### 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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### Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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### Other optional information

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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

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Date

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## Mountain Movers - Accounts breakdown 1.6.2022 - 31.5.2023

MONIES IN			MONIES OUT		
Membership	£1,851.23		Rent	£2,322.50	
Pay as You Attend	£267.24		princes Trust	£487.18	
Workshop/Trips	£394.67		ASDAN	£725.55	
Princes Trust	£1,756.00		Tutor Led Classes	£200.00	
ASDAN	£100.00		Meeting Expenses	£0.00	
Tutor led Classes	£0.00		Workshops/ Trips	£805.64	
Donations/Funding	£912.83		Arts and Crafts	£377.18	
Additional Groups/Activities	£167.01		Fundraising Supplies	£0.00	
	<b>£5,448.98</b>		Toys	£156.92	
			Misc Equipment	£737.82	
			Website/Email/Software	£201.74	
			Refreshments Fun Fridays	£805.96	
			Restricted Funds/ donations	£741.31	
			Miscellaneous	£200.10	
			Insurance	£145.96	
			Volunteer Expenses	£40.00	
			Fuel	£0.00	
			Training	£271.20	
			Legal	£0.00	
			DBS	£0.00	
				<b>£8,219.06</b>	

Starting Balance 1.6.2022	8854.96	
Money In	£5,448.98	Total money into bank
Money Out	£8,219.06	Total money out of bank
Closing balance	£6,084.88	Money remaining at the end of the financial year according to the accounts
Closing balance Natwest	6084.88	Actual money in the Natwest bank at the end of the financial year]
Difference:	£0.00	Difference

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England & Wales - Charity number 1176708

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## **Mountain Movers**

Charity No: 1176708

# **Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity**

for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021-30th May 2022

## **Trustees**

Catherine Tuck  
Cheryl Evans  
Katharine Morgan

March 2023



# Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021-30th May 2022

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# Trustees Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021-30th May 2022

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## 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Charitable Objects

For the public benefit to advance education for children who are being educated otherwise than at school, in particular but not exclusively, those children with disabilities. Through co-operative learning opportunities, enrichment arts and sporting activities. Enabling children to participate as fully as possible in society with a positive sense of community and belonging.

To reduce social isolation of both the children and their families by providing a regular safe and confidential setting to allow the development of social skills as well as providing support, advice and signposting to additional services.

To improve the skills and knowledge of parents/carers who have taken legal responsibility for the education of their child(ren) through the providing of access to training, advice and support so they are better equipped to educate their child(ren) in a rounded and informed manner.

To reduce poverty and ease the financial burden faced by families who take legal responsibility for educating their child(ren) through the facilitation of educational opportunities and training as well as the sharing of educational resources.

To promote greater understanding of elective home education with the aim to reduce hostility and the associated isolation for this minority group.

### 1.2 Overview (Executive Summary)

Education – Prince’s Trust, ASDAN and literary lessons.

Social meetings – regular weekly group meetings.

Pilot Nature Group ‘Literacy Through Nature’.

Workshops - Beekeeping, Medieval Times, Into the Wild, African Drumming, Reptile workshop, Fiery Jack, University of Bristol Pathology Day.

Trips - Chester Zoo, Aberavon Splash Park, LC2 Swimming, Bikeability.

Tesco Community Fund – Gaming Connections.

## 2. Activities & Achievements

### 2.1 Outputs & Outcomes

#### Princes Trust, ASDAN, Literary lessons

We started our regular weekly lessons with author/tutor Ffion Jones entitled Finding Dragons, and the children even contributed to a published book.

Our popular ASDAN Short Courses produced some talented, creative portfolios covering subjects from Food Wise to Animal care.

We started our first academic year of The Prince’s Trust Achieve Award. This programme had only been delivered in schools in Wales until Mountain Movers became the first home educator group to

be approved as a centre. To date we have watched over twenty-two learners take part in regular weekly learning sessions, and produce portfolios that have helped them to access further education, increase their readiness for the world of work, and helped with their individual learning capabilities.

### **Friday Social Meetings**

Our Friday Social meetings are the cornerstone of Mountain Movers. They allow our families to connect, socialise, and benefit from making lasting friendships within the home educating community. We provide a vital lifeline of support and advocacy for home educating families, in particular those who have at least one child with a disability.

### **Nature Group**

We trialled our pilot 'Literacy Through Nature' programme, and it was a huge success. Children accessed outdoor learning in a group of their peers and parents, and enjoyed learning using nature as our guide.

### **Workshops – Beekeeping, Medieval Times, Into the Wild, African Drumming, Reptile workshop, Fiery Jack, University of Bristol Pathology Day.**

We have hosted several organisations over the past year at our weekly group sessions. From workshops about reptiles and wild animals from all over the world (and they brought along animals for us to meet!) to a local bee keeping team visiting to talk to us about the local hives. Slapping Skins introduced us to African Drumming, and Fiery Jack brought their amazing circus skills for us to take part in.

The University of Bristol visited us for a very special veterinary pathology workshop. The children were able to take part in dissection (of cuddly toys!) and testing solutions to determine what was wrong with a urine sample from a dog (real urine not used).

### **Trips – Chester Zoo, Aberavon Splash Park, LC2 Swimming, Bikeability**

In January, we were lucky to receive fully funded tickets from Chester Zoo. Although it was a significant way to travel for our families – particularly those with additional needs – the children and adults alike all learnt so much about our native animals, how they are cared for, and had an amazingly connective day with their peers.

We also continued our weekly sessions at our local leisure centre (Swansea LC2), weekly sessions at an adaptive cycling centre (Bikeability), and enjoyed a social trip to Aberavon Splash Park. These were all achieved during the 'quiet' sessions offered by these wonderful local organisations which is so beneficial for our children with sensory needs.

### **Tesco Gaming Connection Community Fund**

We were successful in gaining 2<sup>nd</sup> place in our local Tesco Community Fund scheme. This enabled us to fund tabletop games and gaming consoles for our 'Teens Only' room. This project was designed to enable home educated teenagers to use gaming as a means of reducing social anxiety brought about by COVID-19 isolation. Our teenagers expanded their sessions to include regular Dungeons and Dragons workshops which helped develop their creativity, communication and connecting skills.

## **2.2 Policies on Grant-Making and/or Social Investments**

The charity does not make any grants, or make social or programme-related investments.

## 2.3 The Roles & Contributions of Volunteers

Our Volunteers are incredibly valuable to Mountain Movers success, we quite honestly could not operate without the selfless dedication shown by so many of our wonderful parent volunteers, tutors and workshops. Thank you so much!

## 3. Financial Review

### 3.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

### 3.2 Policy on Reserves

The trustees have set a level equivalent to 6 months of operating costs for the charity as a desired level of reserve. This fund is a contingency in the event of a sudden reduction in income, in order to protect the future operation of the charity from the effects of any unforeseen variations in its income and expenditure. It also provides a cash flow for ongoing projects such as Princes Trust, ASDAN and other educational expenditure paid in arrears.

The reserves policy and the levels of reserves required are reviewed annually as part of the annual budget process.

### 3.3 Principal Sources of Funding

Mountain Movers is funded primarily by membership fees, and supplemented by fundraising bids such as Tesco and ASDA community funds, National Lottery, British Science Awards and Comic Relief Community Funds.

### 3.4 Investments Policy & Objectives

The charity has no social or ethical investments policies.

### 3.5 Remuneration of Trustees

All Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by Trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

### 3.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The Trustees declare that:

The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement

The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO

## 4. Reference and Administration Details

### 4.1 Charity Name & Registration

Name of the Charity:

Mountain Movers

**Charity No: 1176708**

**Registered with HM Revenue & Customs**                      **No**

## 4.2 Charity's Principal Address

5, Pisgah Street, Kenfig Hill, Bridgend. CF33 6BY

**e-mail:** [contact@mountainmoverseducation.org](mailto:contact@mountainmoverseducation.org)

**website:** [www.mountainmoverseducation.org](http://www.mountainmoverseducation.org)

## 4.3 Names of the Trustees Who Manage the Charity

<i>Name</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Resigned</i>	<i>Appointed by</i>
Erika Lye	Chair		31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021	
Catherine Tuck	Chair/Treasurer	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021		
Cheryl Evans	Trustee			
Katharine Morgan	Trustee	31 <sup>st</sup> May 2021		

## 4.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

Jon Morgan - IT Officer

## 4.5 Bank {O}

Natwest, 33 Stepney St, Llanelli SA15 3UX

# 5. Structure, Governance & Management

## 5.1 Type of Governing Document

*Constitution*

## 5.2 Statutory Declaration

The Trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

## 5.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least two charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 7.

In accordance with the Constitution, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees..

In appointing Trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the Trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law.

## 5.4 Trustee Development

First Aid Training.

Safeguarding Level 2 and 3 Training.

Voluntary Enhanced DBS Checks.

Fire Warden Training.

Food Hygiene Training.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.

31 March 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CT', written in a cursive style.

Catherine Tuck (Chair).



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1.06.2021	To	31.05.2022
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Attendance Fees and Workshop Fees	4,403	-	-	4,403
Donations	36	-	-	36
ASDAN/Princes Trust - Educational Fees	1,703	-	-	1,703
Restricted Project Funds	-	3,500	-	3,500
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,142</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,642</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>6,142</b>	<b>3,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9,642</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Workshops	3,296	-	-	3,296
Rent	1,590	-	-	1,590
Equipment, Toys and Supplies	1,037	-	-	1,037
Website, Insurance, Training, DBS	3,156	-	-	3,156
ASDAN/Princes Trust	616	-	-	616
Meeting Expenses/Fuel	189	-	-	189
Restricted Funds	-	920	-	920
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,804</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>9,884</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,804</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 3,742</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,162</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>- 3,742</b>	<b>2,580</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,162</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Funding Received	-	3,894
	Reserves as per reserves policy	-	1,845
	Day to Day operating costs	3,291	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,291</b>	<b>5,739</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
			-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
	Catherine Tuck

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**When due (optional)**


**Date of approval**

30.3.2023

**MOUNTAIN MOVERS**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176708

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Registered Charity Number: 1176708

**Trustee Annual Report  
& End of Year Accounts**

**1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

**Year Four**

## End of Year Accounts

### 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021

<u>Description</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>	<u>Income</u>
ADVERTISING	£243.44	
RENT	£310	
POSTAGE/COURIER	£357.17	
ATTENDANCE FEES		£731.53
MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, RESOURCES	£6,042.85	
COVID RELATED MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT RESOURCES ETC	£550.01	
DONATIONS		£5,119.99
RESTRICTED FUNDS/NATIONAL LOTTERY PROJECT		£5,740.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS/MOONDANCE PROJECT		£2,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS	£407.50	
ASDAN	£1760.92	£3855.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£9671.89</b>	<b>£17446.52</b>

# Annual Trustee Report 2020 - 2021

The lockdown year!

This year started with the entire UK still under COVID lockdown conditions with the news that schools would slowly begin to reopen. However it took many more months for community centres (which are the lifeblood of the elective home educating community) to be allowed to reopen. This continued the detrimental impact home educating children and their families have endured during the pandemic.

For Mountain Movers, the year came with many challenges of learning how to adapt in a fast changing environment of conflicting policies and regulations, to survive and how to help lessen the isolation and impact of the pandemic on home educated children.

## Meeting Charitable Aims

Over the past 12 months, Mountain Movers has met its charitable aims in the following ways:

***Aim 1} To advance education for children who are being educated otherwise than at school, in particular, but not exclusively, those children with disabilities through co-operative learning opportunities, enrichment arts and sporting activities, enabling the children to participate as fully as possible in society with a positive sense of community and belonging.***

Whilst still under lockdown conditions we run many online activities including digital coffee morning for parents to connect and support each other as well as show and tell digital drop in sessions for children and young people.

We achieved funding via the Moondance Foundation for counselling and mindfulness project to help home educating children, young

people and parents to overcome any mental health difficulties caused by or worsened by the COVID pandemic. A project entitled Fun not Fear supported 20 families and helped the children overcome difficulties regarding socialising. Due to the regulations, this was an entirely outdoor project held at various locations, from a beach to a woodland, to the community centre's playground and beyond. We have been able to engage the services of a qualified counsellor who was able to run 6 sessions for young people or parents who needed solution based counselling. This has been well-received by the community with great project feedback.

We were fortunate to receive a generous donation from Neath Port Talbot Education Department of £5000. This allowed us to survive and adapt to the financial challenges sustained by the pandemic enjoying running in-person sessions when regulations limited us to 15 in the building. Without this donation, these sessions would not have been run.

We run specific dungeons and dragons games sessions for young people. Dungeons and dragons is a well evidenced role play game that has huge academic and social benefits. These sessions were highly valued by the young people who also really enjoyed having specific sessions just for them.

We run sensory messy play sessions for those younger children or those on the autism spectrum. Again these were highly valued and well received.

We also run topic themed weeks, such as Egypt with clay modelling, Vikings - building wooden boats which were highly enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to get one of the very limited spaces.

When in lockdowns we moved activities online and ran highly successful projects like Bitesize Decades, exploring the 1950s, 1960s,

1970s, 1980s and 1990s and the epic There's A Caveman in My Body project. This was a trial project where a home kit of resources was sent to families and each week we covered a different area of the human body. Aimed at Key Stage 2 level but accessible to all. This project was well received with fantastic feedback. Making working models of how our respiratory system works and our digestive system for example, were very popular hands-on activities which made use of common household items such as a pair of tights and balloons.

The uncertainty challenges caused by the pandemic made us, as a charity, cautious of applying for funding for specific projects. However, by working with the Community Fund within the National Lottery, we were able to design a project called Planet Earth and Me - a journey through time and space which was funded in January 2021 and continued until February 2022. This project was developed in direct response and input from the children who accessed our online projects such as Bitesize Decades and There's a Caveman in My Body, who wanted to learn more about other countries, cultures, histories etc. The aim was to help develop and support the children to become active global citizens.

To combat the ever changing landscape of lockdowns and regulation changes, this project was broken down into two smaller projects called Destination Chocolate and Finding Dragons which is due to end in February 2022.

## **ASDAN**

We have continued in providing UK wide access to ASDAN courses, during the lockdowns, demand went through the roof! We have volunteer moderators who donate their time freely. Whilst this keeps the costs of providing these courses accessible to families, with the increasing workload there has continued to be pressure to meet the demands on time. It is extremely hard to both find and

retain volunteers willing to donate their time to moderate for us and this is an area of concern for our few reliable moderators being able to continue at the same level for the future. With ASDAN reducing the number of courses available or suitable for us to be able to run, as well as other numerous organisations now offering ASDAN short courses, it may be that this is something we have to reconsider are we able to continue providing in the future.

***Aim 2} To reduce social isolation of both the children and their families by providing a regular safe and confidential setting to allow the development of social skills as well as providing support, advice and signposting to additional services***

Covid brought the need for many adaptations. Moving to weekly online projects to help children stay in contact and continue to provide support for families. This has been difficult given the high level of need for adaptive technology and the financial exclusion poverty brings to accessing these resources. We are working tirelessly to source adaptations and alternatives to reduce access barriers.

However, we have managed to reach significant numbers of home educating families with both our online and in-person activities when able with them valuing the continuity of friendships and activities that we can offer even during the difficulties of an isolating pandemic.

***Aim 3} To improve the skills and knowledge of parent/carers who have taken legal responsibility for the education of their child(ren) through the providing of access to training, advice and support so they are better equipped to educate their child(ren) in a rounded and informed manner and 5) To promote greater understanding of elective home education to reduce hostility and the associated isolation for this minority group***

Mountain Movers continued to engage with consultations impacting home educating families in Wales. Written to the Welsh Government

highlighting the difficulties home educating families are experiencing because of the pandemic for example. We have responded to calls for evidence.

We have had digital sessions aimed specifically for parents to help share knowledge and skills as well as to reduce isolation and worries during this challenging period.

Our project, There's a Caveman in my Body was well received particularly amongst parents for helping them feel more confident and able to utilise common household items to enrich learning like Human Biology.

***Aim 4} To reduce poverty and ease the financial burden faced by families who take legal responsibility for educating their child(ren) through the facilitation of educational opportunities and training as well as the sharing of educational resources***

Mountain Movers continues to operate on a low-cost basis and the trustees work hard to achieve external funding wherever they can to reduce costs to families as well as securing third party discounts to activities to the benefit of members.

With the move to online activities and the increase in families experiencing financial hardship, we are operating on a free to access basis as much as possible.

## **Future direction**

As we begin to learn how to live with this pandemic, Mountain Movers Trustees are looking to the future with a clear focus on readjusting and evaluating what is working, what isn't and how we can adapt to different needs, ways of working etc and reach our support and services to more home educating families.