

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	January	2023		31	December	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

WOODSMOKE GROUP

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1181464

Charity's principal address

39 Tunstall Park

Sunderland

Tyne and Wear

Postcode

SR2 7SJ

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	James McGeorge	Chair		
2	Alan Henderson	Secretary		
3	Joshua Gateshill	Treasurer		
4	Austin Ward			
5	Alistair Briggs			
6	William McGeorge			

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 adopted 7 th January 2019
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in July

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<p>Membership of the club is open to young people aged between 9 and 21 mainly residing in the Sunderland locality.</p> <p>The trustees oversee the day to day running of the group. The trustees seek the views of members, the group's youth workers and volunteers in deciding the activities to be run.</p> <p>There is a child protection policy in place. Disclosure and Barring Service checks are carried out on everyone over the age of 18 prior to commencement of employment, voluntary participation, or trusteeship and checks are carried out again in line with statutory requirements. All trustees give their time voluntarily and received no remuneration or other benefits</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

To Help young people aged 9 to 21, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capacity and capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society

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)

In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

The main activities are as follows:

- ☐ an annual summer camp.
- ☐ a programme of youth orientated events and activities.

Our aim is to provide an educational outdoor adventure experience shaped by fun, friendship, free-thought and respect without exclusion due to financial constraints.

As they learn about themselves and others in a focused programme, they gain positive memories that they can build upon as they move into adult life whilst providing opportunities for them to become volunteers themselves.

The experience teaches the individual:

- How to make new friends and grow more independent
- To develop social skills and self confidence
- To respect and appreciate nature
- To embrace physical activity
- How to relax and have a break
- To take advantage of the many learning opportunities available

We welcome all young people, aged between 9 and 21, regardless of personal background, faith, gender, or personal circumstances

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- policy on grant making.
- policy programme related investment.
- contribution made by volunteers.

Woodsmoke Group continue to recognise the importance of safeguarding and are keen to ensure we keep up to date with any changes in legislation as they happen.

Our volunteers were, as always, exceptional in keeping Woodsmoke Group in a healthy financial position through the giving of their time and monetary donations.

Woodsmoke Group's Long-Term Strategy is to increase external corporate funding, and this was a key focus in 2023. The Trustees found that 2023 was the most successful year to date with regards to corporate funding identified and successfully received in the form of various grants. As shown in the accounts, this was £5,000, which was donated by 3 different organisations. This money will look to be utilized in 2024 in the form of a project to update our on-site toilet facilities, in addition to the continuing review of activities offered during the Summer Camp.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Camp in 2023 was seen as another success and continues to be the Group's main focus in achieving our main objectives. Attendance was slightly lower in 2023 in comparison to 2022, however, all volunteers and Campers alike were determined to make the most of the activities, fun and comradeship on offer at the summer camp.

The weather affected proceedings, with activities such as River Rafting being amended last minute to include a variety of Team Building Activities on our sports field. However, despite this, all campers and volunteers maintained a positive attitude throughout.

In a continued difficult economic climate, excluding external corporate funding, Woodsmoke Group's cost were within a healthy tolerance of our normal level of donations, with costs such as maintenance being at a reduced level, and with our Chef team managing to provide high quality food at a reduced cost due to utilising the available choice of budget retailers. If Woodsmoke were unable to secure any additional corporate funding, the bank balance would have still ended in a healthy position, therefore it is an extremely positive outcome to be starting 2024 with additional funds to improve facilities and activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank at 31/12/23 was £13,149 in unrestricted funds. The main financial risk to the charity is any unexpected costs with regards to maintaining our equipment, in order to provide the safest environment possible, for our volunteers and campers. The funds are kept to cover any expenditure needed in order to uphold these standards before next years' camp.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not Applicable

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.

Currently, the Charity's main source of income is donations from our campers and volunteers who attend the Summer Camp. We currently request an amount that covers only the cost of Camp, and the reserve stated above. However, this amount is not mandatory, and we offer reduced or waived rates, for families/members who can not afford the full cost.



Section F**Other optional information**

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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)	Joshua Gateshill	Alan Henderson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Secretary
Date	30/10/2024	

Woodsmoke Group

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1/1/2023

To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Notes	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations		10,506	-	-	10,506	-
Donations - Fundraising by Volunteers		-	-	-	-	-
Grants		5,000	-	-	5,000	-
Gift Aid		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)		15,506	-	-	15,506	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).						
		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts		15,506	-	-	15,506	-
A3 Payments						
Cost Of Fundraising Events		7,832	81	-	7,913	-
Repairs and Maintenance		1,293	-	-	1,293	-
Light and Heating		195	-	-	195	-
Water and Sewerage		187	-	-	187	-
Insurance		1,170	-	-	1,170	-
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Printing Supplies		57	-	-	57	-
Sub total		10,734	81	-	10,815	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)						
Purchase of Fixed Assets		-	-	-	-	-
Sub total		-	-	-	-	-
Total payments		10,734	81	-	10,815	-
Net of receipts/(payments)		4,772	- 81	-	4,690	-
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		8,377	81	-	8,458	-
Cash funds this year end		13,149	-	-	13,149	-

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	13,149	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,149	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Cooking Facilities	Unrestricted	-	-
	Medium Bell Tents	Unrestricted	-	-
	Storage Containers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Toilet Facilities	Unrestricted	-	-
	Shower Facilities	Unrestricted	-	-
	Marquee Tents	Unrestricted	-	-
	Ridge Tents	Unrestricted	-	-
	Large Bell Tents	Unrestricted	-	-
	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Alan R. Henderson	Alan Henderson	30/10/2024	
	J. Gateshill	Joshua Gateshill	30/10/2024	

Section C Notes