

COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1181833

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Activities

Objects: •TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 11 LIVING IN THE BOROUGH OF BEDFORD BY PROVIDING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE LIVING AGED 7 - 11 LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: outdoor educational courses

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- Bedford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£60,407	£52,558	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,120	£42,065	-	-
2022-12-31	£56,827	£49,816	-	-
2021-12-31	£54,844	£36,808	-	-
2020-12-31	£39,287	£11,573	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Countess HELEN ORSSICH	Chair	2018-06-18
Anna Mary Lewes		2025-07-25
Claire Frances Innes		2019-02-11
DR ESME VICTORIA ANN PICKERNELL WATKINSON		2018-06-18
Francis Joseph McMahon		2019-03-14
Helen Teresa Watkinson		2019-01-15
Margaret Campbell		2019-01-15
Timothy Sergeant		2025-07-25

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Country Days Trustee Report & Accounts Dec 2024

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Country Days Annual report

A recent survey in the New Forest reported that less than 10% of local children played in wild places anymore and that their roaming radius had dropped by 90% in a generation. It is as if the unstoppable rise of the smartphone (more than half of 10-year-olds now own one) has mirrored an equally unstoppable decline in natural curiosity and wonder.
Country Life Roger Morgan -Grenville Country Life. August 2025.

At the Leys during the Easter and Summer holidays we welcome groups of 7–11-year-olds from many local primary schools to explore, learn and enjoy nature. We aim to inspire them, promote their curiosity and wonderment with our hands on learning experiences in small groups.

After all of the careful planning of the curriculum it is always rewarding to see it come to life in the faces and expressions of the children. The feedback received from the children and their parents after the courses are a testimony to why what we do matters. All of us at Country Days believe that outdoor learning opportunities in a safe environment is vital for every child's development.

We hope to offer more learning opportunities at the Leys for the children with the most limited access to nature because of the importance of this type of learning for every child's learning potential.

Helen Orssich (nee Hadfield)
Co – Founder

Esme Watkinson (nee Hadfield)
Co- Founder





Our Story

2018

Country Days was founded by Ann Hadfield MBE. After her death in July 2018 Esme and Helen Hadfield became co-founders 24 children attended the first pilot course in August 2018, we were very fortunate to have 1 shelter which was funded by Ann Hadfield



2019

In 2019 we ran our first course in the summer with 160 children over 4 days enjoying -

- Poetry in performance
- Plastic Recycling
- Sport and problem solving
- Bushcraft
- Arts and Crafts
- Pond dipping



2020

In 2020 Covid hit and we ran an online course which over 50 children taking part. We had a 2nd rain shelter built in 2020 which was funded by Harpur Trust.



2021

In 2021 we decided to extend our courses to Easter which ran for 4 days and a Summer course which ran for 5 days.

Some of our activities included

- Obstacle courses
- Orienteering
- Bug hunting
- Botany
- Creative Writing
- Performing arts

We created a partnership with The Grange Academy for a fun-filled day of outdoor learning and we are excited to continue building our partnership in the future.

We were excited to hear that Hugh Maltby was cycling 10,000 miles to raise money for our 3rd rain shelter. Also, in 2021 we built an admin shed, science sheds, improved the landing stages for the pond, bought 8 pop up toilets and improved the car parking area.

2022

In 2022 our Easter and Summer courses were even more creative. And we started to introduce a theme for our Summer courses. We chose the theme of 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson

- Campfire cooking
- Building a base camp
- Archery
- Semaphore
- Creating treasure
- Craft building
- Making maps

We welcomed many children from the Bedfordshire Refugee & Asylum Seeker Support who attended both our Easter and Summer courses.



2023

Our Easter and Summer courses were another wonderful success we chose the theme of Greek Myths for our summer course. eight activities linked to -

- Greek Myths.
- Mythical creatures
- Medusa
- Story of Achilles
- The Odyssey Part 2



2024

We decided to increase our activities from 4 to 5 and hired 2 more teachers. In 2024 our activities consisted off –

- Bushcraft
- Pebble painting
- Woodland People
- Sports
- Who's been framed
- Poetree
- Archery
- Pond dipping
- Mini beast hunting



2025

In 2025 we were lucky to have some wonderful weather for both courses.

Our theme for the Summer course was Roald Dahl, some of the activities were based on

- The Minpins
- Fantastic Mr Fox
- The Enormous Crocodile
- Danny Champion of the World,
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
- The Twits



We aim for our young people to

To smell the earth

To taste the rain

To touch the wind

To see things grow

To hear the sun rise

And night fall

To care



Our values

RESPECT

Be kind to each other

FUN

Make friends, be enthusiastic, support each other

NATURE

Enjoy the nature reserve



Strategic Review

Country Days is an Educational Charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire, giving children who have little or no access to the countryside an opportunity to learn in and about nature.

We are grateful for the dedication of our patrons, trustees, teachers, support staff, volunteers and our fundraising committee whose dedication and enthusiasm has made all this possible. We are equally grateful to all those who have supported us and proud of what we have achieved to help create a brighter future for children on low-income families in Bedfordshire and hope you enjoy reading about it.

Research and surveys continue to highlight why stimulating interest in the natural environment is the key to unlocking learning potential, building confidence and resilience to give children a more positive future.

Each year we strive to offer more places to more children, extend the scope of our courses to deliver an ambitious curriculum and make a difference to those whose opportunities to enjoy the wonders of nature are limited.

We continue to introduce new activities and implement the learning from last year to this one. Our quiz night sold out in a week, our first ever stall at the Cecil Higgins Museum event caught the attention of a local MP and culminated in handing out over 100 leaflets this combined with our Family Fun Day helps us in our quest to continue to raise awareness and allow the charity to play a more central community role.



A sponsored bounce run by Great Ouse Primary Academy was both a successful fundraiser and further developed the awareness of the charity.

50% of our children this year were FSM, pupil premium or SEND and the need to support the growing number of these children is vital.

We continue to publicise our funding on social media platforms, newsletters, word of mouth and local fundraising events. We are fortunate in the support of the local community and with increasing numbers of returning children we are building the future volunteers for Country Days. Next year we have 3 more volunteers who are previous participants in the courses. One of our annual volunteers who supports the charity throughout the year on all the courses is taking part in the 5K Bedford Running Festival and another has completed the three peaks challenge. At the family fun day our Head of Admin Rita Di Carlo was presented with a Recognition Award by Camilla King, High sheriff of Bedfordshire.

Helen Orssich (nee Hadfield)
Co – Founder

Esme Watkinson (nee Hadfield)
Co- Founder

Rita Di Carlo
Head of Administration



The difference we make

We helped 300 unique young people



96% of young people have shown improved **SELF CONFIDENCE**

We work in partnership with other local agencies including 50+ schools, children's services, and specialist organisations, supporting young people and their families.



45 hours of interactive learning in small groups of 12 or less



99% would come back to **Country Days**



96% learnt **SOMETHING NEW**

Learn something NEW everyday

95% made **NEW FRIENDS**



96% improved **TEAMWORK SKILLS**



45% came from families with financial difficulties

40% of our young people have one or more SEND, mental health or neurodiverse

More than 10% have a social worker or are under a child protection plan (CPP) or EHCP



Our young people

We want to continue to run our outdoor learning courses of one- or two-days duration during the Easter and Summer holidays at a local nature reserve for 300 children aged between 7-11 from low-income families in Bedfordshire who have little or no access to the countryside.

Each year we review our courses using teacher, parental and child feedback and adjust our curriculum accordingly. Our courses this year have received outstanding positive feedback from parents and children.

Our links with schools and organisations continue to grow. Due to the cost-of-living crisis, the pressures on the education and welfare systems, we believe the work Country Days does in the community in Bedfordshire has become increasingly vital to support the emotional wellbeing of children 7- 11 consequently we need to broaden its reach to include more children throughout the year.

We are continuing to explore the possibilities of how we can expand our activities to include a Saturday morning club run by 2 teachers so that we can give more children the opportunity to benefit from being outside and learn in a beautiful nature environment.

Our Strategic priorities

ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Through our face-to-face delivery, maintain that 50% of places are accessed by young people meeting our criteria and alleviate barriers created by financial hardship. Increase access to healthy meals and snacks at our face-to-face provision.

EXPAND OUR REACH

Ensure that the delivery locations are reflective of where referrals are being received from, where there is most local need, and where we can build strong relationships within the community.

FUNDRAISING

Continue our relationship with our existing funders where possible, explore new funding, extend and develop our fundraising activities.



Our Team

Head of Curriculum. Victoria is the Education Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups Lead, School Improvement Team, Bedford Borough Council. She has over 15 years of experience working in education as a former Deputy Headteacher with the focus of driving forward practice and improving outcomes for children.

Teaching staff



Cameron Long

Laura Davies

Katrina Hyden

Emma Wilson

Christopher Tansell

Helen Watkinson

Support staff



Rita Di Carlo -Head of Admin

Lynni Gingell - Health and Safety, Fire Marshal

Roy Horner - Site Manager

Group leaders



Amelie Davies

Nicola Bowyer

Izzy Davies

Esme Orsich

Volunteers



Sophie Abdin

Michael Hadfield

Fundraising Committee



Rita Di Carlo

Esme Orsich

Helen Hadfield

Claire Innes

Anna Lewes

Hugh Maltby



Patrons

Susan Lousada

Born and educated in Bedfordshire, Susan has lived all but four years of her life in the county. She has over 20 years' experience of running a family business and continues to be a director of a property and investment company. Susan has devoted much of her life to voluntary service with a particular focus on helping children and young people. Susan was appointed Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire in 2022 to be the King's personal representative in the county. This is a voluntary position and the retirement age is 75. Married to Simon for over 40 years, they have two children and two grandchildren. Susan enjoys local history, gardening, skiing, and walking.

Elisabeth Slack

Elisabeth graduated with first class honours in Agricultural Science from Nottingham University in 1971. She then joined a research team at Bristol University, gaining a doctorate in Microclimatology. A teacher of science and maths, her teaching career culminated in a deputy headship at secondary level. Elisabeth served as Chairman of The Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama from 2002 - 2010 and as fundraiser from 2002 - 2012 and is now the Festival's President. She was a longstanding volunteer for Youthscape in Luton, the Lieutenancy representative on the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery Board (The Higgins Bedford), and has been a governor of both the Grange Academy in Kempston and Walmsley House School in Bedford. Elisabeth's appointment as a Deputy Lieutenant was made in 2017.

Lionel Stewart, MBE

Lionel is a retired Police Officer with over 34 years' experience both in London and Bedfordshire. Since retiring from the police, he has held numerous security roles in major companies. For 10 years, he ran Bedfordshire Crimebeat where he met and worked alongside the late Ann Hadfield. In his spare time, he has a welfare role for retired police officers and enjoys time with his family. He has two sons and two daughters, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren.



Trustees

Helen Orssich nee Hadfield and Esme Watkinson nee Hadfield

Are the daughters of Ann Hadfield MBE. They formed the charity inspired by their mother's vision following their mother's death in 2018. Helen runs an advertising and film production company in London and Esme has just retired as a General Practitioner in Birmingham.

Helen Watkinson

Is Ann Hadfield's granddaughter. She is a Lead Practitioner and English teacher at a secondary school in London. Helen has just begun a PhD in Education Research.

Anna Lewes

Runs her own property accounting business from home and has two children. Having grown up in the rural village of Pavenham and as a current resident of Felmersham, she fully understands the joy of the great outdoors and the impact it has on children's health and wellbeing. Anna is thrilled to be part of this wonderful charity in honour of the late Ann Hadfield who was a dear friend and inspiration to so many.

Margaret Campbell

Is a qualified accountant. She is company secretary for the charity and handles the financial record keeping and preparation of accounts.

Tim Sergeant

Teaches at Redborne Upper School, lectures at the University of Bedfordshire and also works in professional football as Head of Education at Stevenage FC. Having taught on Country Days courses since 2021, he is excited about his new role as Trustee: "Once you realise how special Country Days and the people involved are, you just don't ever want to leave! As a Trustee, I hope to continue inputting the charity's work and giving something back for the great experiences I have had so far. I feel I get what Country Days is all about: despite my title of 'PE teacher' I have been a pirate, a wizard, a Greek God and even King of England!"

Claire Innes

Is a Partner in the Interim HR Practice at Eton Bridge Partners, an Executive Search firm in London. Passionate about education and the opportunities it provides to transform lives, Claire supports Country Days with the recruitment of excellent teaching staff to inspire young people. With two boys of her own, and having grown up in the countryside on a farm in Ireland, she appreciates the value of time spent outdoors and the positive effect it has on mental health and wellbeing.

Frank McMahon

was headteacher of Robert Bruce School and greatly appreciated the Fun 4 Young People summer school initiative which enriched the school holiday experiences of so many pupils. He believes Country Days, its ambitious successor, builds on those achievements and significantly develops the range of activities provided. On retirement, he became involved with Emmaus movement, locally and nationally. It provides formerly homeless people with safe and secure accommodation, and supports them through provision of opportunities to regain their self-confidence and esteem.



What Patrons, Trustees, Staff and Volunteers say about us

Dr Elizabeth Slack DL(Patron)

It is a privilege and an honour to serve as a patron of Country Days, and to help to secure a flourishing future for the charity. Ann Hadfield's purchase of the land in Felmersham in the 90's and the energy with which she began to establish it as a nature reserve dedicated to allowing young children to spend time in nature was a hugely generous, timely and visionary gift. I admire greatly the way that Country Days has since been established as a charity by her family and others, based on furthering her ideas. The trustees and all the volunteers involved in running the courses are delivering precious experiences full of imagination, creativity and care, offering meaningful ways to widen enjoyment and appreciation of our countryside for young people in Bedfordshire.

More than half a century of working and volunteering in various roles with children and young people of all ages has, for me, revealed how important fresh air and time spent playing and learning in natural settings are for all aspects of a child's development. Such access should be a fundamental entitlement for every child and all those who foster such experiences are engaged in work of inestimable value. Young people's experiences also prepare them to play an active part in mitigating climate change and advocating for the protection of biodiversity as they grow older.

Frank McMahon (Trustee)

It was a privilege and an honour to be asked to be a trustee of Country Days. As a former teacher - and parent and now grandparent - I am particularly aware of the value of visits to the countryside for children - of all ages! My visits to the site are always a pleasure, seeing and hearing children and adults involved in a variety of activities, and cheerfully engaged in the variety of challenges and opportunities provided.

The benefits to children of being outdoors are numerous:

Their physical, mental and educational development all benefit from exposure to nature, which can help support a healthier lifestyle, reduce stress, and enhance important cognitive and social skills;

The open spaces encourage children to run, jump, climb and play, all of which improve their physical fitness, agility, balance, and coordination

Exposure to nature can reduce levels of stress and provide a welcome break from mobile phones and other technologies of dubious benefit to well-being

Physical exertion in the fresh air leads to better sleep, helping children to feel more refreshed and rested; sunlight is the best source of Vitamin D, which is crucial for healthy bones, teeth and a more robust immune system

Countryside experiences can enrich classroom learning in many subjects, including science, geography and history. It can improve concentration and focus, particularly for children with ADHD

It provides opportunities for children to use their imagination and inventiveness - a humble stick can be a magic wand! Problem-solving, while building dens or devising ways of overcoming challenges, enhances critical thinking, boosts perseverance, while also refining crucial social skills!

I could go on. I'm proud to play a minor role in this major contribution to the enhancement of the lives and development of so many young people; and to witness the commitment and dedication of the adults who make it all possible.



Laura Davies (Teaching staff)

It is a pleasure to be asked to be a teacher at country days 5 years ago and I have loved every course run since. Teaching outdoors is something I don't get to do much of in my day-to-day teaching so it's a real pleasure to have such a great site available for children to come and explore, especially for those children who are not surrounded by countryside. When teaching the pond dipping or mini beast hunting, I really get to see the awe and wonder of children who catch a newt for the first time or find a new and interesting creature.

Katrina Hyden (Teaching staff)

It has been brilliant becoming part of the Country Days team. As a practitioner who usually lone works it has become an experience to look forward to each holiday. All of the team members are creative and have a contagious passion for outdoor learning and screen free exploration.

My favourite part is to see children arriving for the first time, often a little nervous, coming to life, feeling safe and bounding back to their parents at the end of the day full, excited to show and tell what they have been up to.

I organise art and craft and I try to have a range of activities to try, from sticking to sewing, with a lot of opportunity for the children to go off-script creative with their makes. I have honestly been blown away by the focus and the ideas that they have come up with. It's very special to have the chance to facilitate creative experimentation, have instant access to a whole load of natural and sustainable resources ("everyone go and pick up three pinecones!") and to work with such flexible and caring practitioners and facilitators during the programmes.



Esme Orssich (Group leader)

For the past five years, I have volunteered as a group leader for Country Days during their Easter and Summer courses. Each year, my enthusiasm and belief in the charity deepen after spending time with the children. They truly love the courses. As a group leader I have the privilege to directly hear their unsolicited feedback, the most common being that they don't want the day to end, or that they can't wait to come back. In a digital world, that is no small achievement: these children genuinely want to be outdoors.

Often, the children in my group don't know each other beforehand, or only a few do. I see great value in this: resilience and social skills grow, and I've yet to see a child intentionally excluded. It gives them a fresh social experience, different from school, and one rooted in inclusivity. This year, I watched a neurodivergent child gain immense confidence as they made new friends and were welcomed with kindness and openness — instead of being made to feel different or alone.

Sophie Abdin (Volunteer)

I started volunteering at Country Days in Summer 2024 and continued at Easter and Summer this year. I thoroughly enjoy being with the team who make sure the holiday club runs so well and have learnt a lot about managing activities, resources, and time. Without the commitment of the leaders at the club, the children would not get the experiences they do, and they love their time with Country Days; they always say they want it to be longer.

I have enjoyed building positive relationships with everyone and seeing how much the children want to share their joy at discovering new things. At each camp, I am learning new skills and would like to become a leader in the future. My confidence and decision-making have improved through my time volunteering. Being outdoors in nature, exercising; we take lots of steps, makes the experience feel even more rewarding!



What our families say about us

“My eight-year-old year three son had a brilliant time and this is a boy who cannot cope at another Holiday Club we have tried. He is autistic and ADHD and has difficulties getting along harmoniously with other children, but he found the adults to be very kind and helpful and really enjoyed all the activities that were an offer. As his parent it was worth its weight in gold and we will look forward to the next course at Easter and again next summer. I am so grateful to have found your course”

“These courses are so important to children's child hood. To spend two days outside within the safety of this environment is amazing. My daughter arrives not knowing anyone and leaves with new found friendships. Thank you for making this possible”

“My daughter had a great time, came home exhausted but full of wonderful stories about her day in the sunshine. Thanks for taking such good care of her and giving her a great experience she will be talking about for a while”

“Our daughter attended the course on Wednesday 9th April. She never attended one of your courses and came home buzzing with enthusiasm and happily exhausted. She had nothing but positive feedback about the activities, staff and setting. We are so grateful to you for helping our daughter to explore, enjoy and learn about the great outdoors. Impressed by your set up and the drop off and pick up. We hope she can attend again in the future. Thank you”

“Country days is always my son's favourite option for a holiday club. The organisers are kind and supportive and he loves the activities too. It's such a great value as well”

“Fantastic organisation the children absolutely loved it, such a warm friendly environment would highly recommend”



Our Sponsors in 2024

We are so lucky to have continued to be supported by so many fantastic local and national charitable trusts.



- Carlton Educational Trust
- BEA
- St Johns Hospital Trust
- The Christopher H R Reeves Charitable Trust
- Bedford Borough Council- (HAF)
- Wixamtree Trust
- Gale Trust
- House of Industry
- Bedford Inner Wheel
- Tesco Groundwork
- Bedfordshire Charitable Trust
- BLCF Frank Branston Fund
- Bedford Lions
- Oakley Parish
- Kempston Charities
- The Miller Charitable Trust
- Neighbourly Charitable Trust Grant
- National Lottery
- The Sun Pub- Felmersham



Trustees Report

Country Days Ltd is a single entity set up as a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity and governed by the objectives listed on the Charity Commission website.

Charitable objectives and activities

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 11 living in the Borough of Bedford by providing programmes of Physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- A) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- B) Advancing Education
- C) Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people living aged 7-11 living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of Country Days is fundamental in improving the mental health and wellbeing of young people in Bedfordshire by giving them opportunities they would not otherwise have.

Research has shown multiple benefits of being outdoors on children's learning and development, including social, physical and academic benefits. Despite the research children still spend most of their time inside. With the increasing challenge of climate change it is vital that our young people develop an awareness and appreciation of the natural environment which can only be heightened by spending more time in it.

The Leys Nature Reserve at Felmersham provides an ideal learning environment for Country Days with 33 different varieties of trees in woodland, a pond with great crested and common newts, resident ducks and other wildlife and three natural open play areas.

The use of the Leys Nature Reserve, which is used to host the nature courses for Country Days, is freely donated by its owners Esme Watkinson and Helen S E H Orssich, who also act as trustees for Country Days. The Charity has raised funds to maintain it as safe environment for the children and developed it so it is fit for purpose with the addition of rain shelters, landing stages at the pond and 2 science sheds, Admin hut and storage, in order to allow the course activities to take place and accommodate the growing number of places the charity can offer in line with the demand for its activities.

The nature reserve is not run for profit and the owners' intention is to continue to develop opportunities for schools, voluntary organisations and other charities in Bedfordshire to benefit from using the Nature Reserve if suitable for their activities when it is not in use by the charity, and any fees raised by this will be donated back to Country Days to contribute to the preparation costs of the site for the courses



Financial Review Accounts December 2024

The Charity was awarded total funds of £58,919 this financial year from a range of grant funding, donations and community fund raising activities.

The major sources are grant funding from The Wixamtree Trust, The Carlton Trust, The BEA, The Gale Trust, Kempston Charities, The Miller Charitable Trust, The St John's Hospital Trust, The National Lottery and Bedford Borough Council also provide funding through the HAF programme.

Currently we hold sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the funding gap between our costs and the funding we raise to allow us to expand the charity's vision to benefit more children in Bedfordshire and increase the use of the nature reserve throughout the year but we recognise that these funds will deplete as the charity expands. Our charity committee and admin team at Country Days continues to look at ways to increase our fundraising activities in step with the growth of the charity. We were fortunate to benefit from the sterling efforts of several committed supporters raising sponsorship while undertaking some hefty sporting challenges.

The trustees recognise that as with all charities there is an uncertainty to grant funding but the trustees have an expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements and hold a prudent reserve.

The trustees approve a draft budget for each financial year and any costs which exceed this budget but are deemed vital to the charity are approved by the board. Any capital and core costs over a threshold of £2,000 are sanctioned by the board of trustees on an ongoing basis.

Registered number
11433398

Country Days Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2024

Country Days Limited**Registered number: 11433398****Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of nature courses for children aged 7 - 11.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Helen Orssich
Esme Watkinson
Caroline Heaton
Claire Innes
Francis McMahon
Alexis Orssich
Caroline Waterfall
Helen Watkinson
They are also trustees of the charity

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 16 September 2025 and signed on its behalf.

Helen Orssich
Director

Country Days Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Turnover	58,919	29,010
Cost of sales	(29,961)	(24,756)
Gross profit	<u>28,958</u>	<u>4,254</u>
Administrative expenses	(22,597)	(17,309)
Operating profit/(loss)	<u>6,361</u>	<u>(13,055)</u>
Interest receivable	1,488	1,110
Profit/(loss) before taxation	<u>7,849</u>	<u>(11,945)</u>
Tax on profit/(loss)	-	-
Profit/(loss) for the financial year	<u><u>7,849</u></u>	<u><u>(11,945)</u></u>

Country Days Limited
Registered number:
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2024

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	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	6,880	13,321
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		90,576	76,286
Net current assets		<u>90,576</u>	<u>76,286</u>
Net assets		<u>97,456</u>	<u>89,607</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		97,456	89,607
Shareholders' funds		<u>97,456</u>	<u>89,607</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Helen Orssich
Director

Approved by the board on 16 September 2025

Country Days Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	101,552	101,552
Loss for the financial year				(11,945)	(11,945)
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,607</u>	<u>89,607</u>
At 1 January 2024	-	-	-	89,607	89,607
Profit for the financial year				7,849	7,849
At 31 December 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,456</u>	<u>97,456</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2024

2 Employees	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 January 2024	<u>25,765</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>25,765</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2024	12,444
Charge for the year	<u>6,441</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>18,885</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2024	<u>6,880</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>13,321</u>

4 Other information

Country Days Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
3 Alpha House
4 Beta Place
SW4 7QN

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales	58,919	29,010
Cost of sales	(29,961)	(24,756)
Gross profit	<u>28,958</u>	<u>4,254</u>
Administrative expenses	(22,597)	(17,309)
Operating profit/(loss)	<u>6,361</u>	<u>(13,055)</u>
Interest receivable	1,488	1,110
Profit/(loss) before tax	<u>7,849</u>	<u>(11,945)</u>

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2024	2023
	£	£
Sales		
Donations	52,287	24,938
Fund raising events	3,800	2,831
Course fees	2,635	1,040
Other	197	201
	<u>58,919</u>	<u>29,010</u>
 Cost of sales		
Course costs	12,562	12,047
Field costs	17,399	12,709
	<u>29,961</u>	<u>24,756</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Fees paid	10,725	7,350
	<u>10,725</u>	<u>7,350</u>
Premises costs:		
Water	180	329
	<u>180</u>	<u>329</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	277	313
PO box	425	396
Fund raising costs	1,926	541
Bank charges	107	126
Insurance	1,041	1,011
Rubbish removal	243	464
Depreciation	6,441	6,441
Sundry expenses	391	110
	<u>10,851</u>	<u>9,402</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Advertising and PR	841	228
	<u>841</u>	<u>228</u>
	<u>22,597</u>	<u>17,309</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED (11433398)

On accounts for the year
ended

31st DECEMBER 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1181833

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/12/2024**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Sophia Mule

Date:

03/09/2025

Name:

SOPHIA MULE

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

ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS – MAAT 10261662

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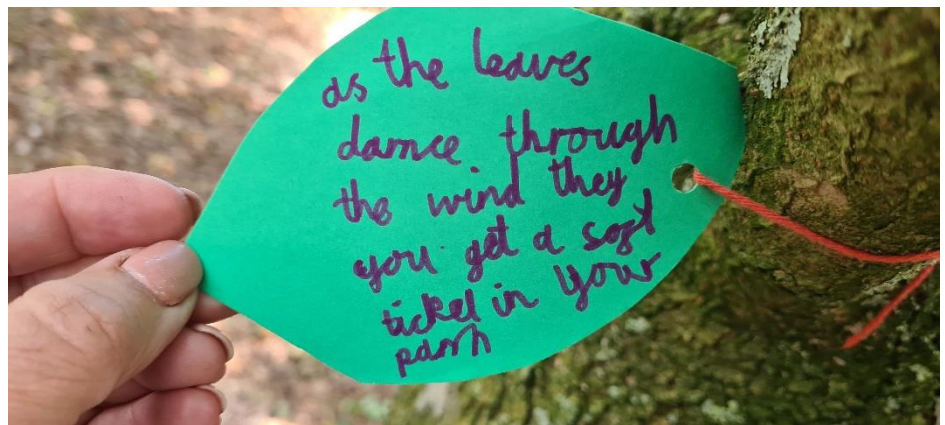
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COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181833

Accounts



Country Days Trustee Report & Accounts Dec 2023

Country Days Limited

Registered number

11433398

Charity number (date of incorporation 26.06.2018)

1181833

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We aim for our young people to

To smell the earth

To taste the rain

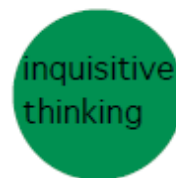
To touch the wind

To see things grow

To hear the sun rise

And night fall

To care



Our values

RESPECT

Be kind to each other

FUN

Make friends, be enthusiastic, support each other

NATURE

Enjoy the nature reserve

Strategic Review

Country Days is an Educational Charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire, giving children who have little or no access to the countryside an opportunity to learn in and about nature.

We are grateful for the dedication of our patrons, trustees, teachers, support staff, volunteers and our fundraising committee whose dedication and enthusiasm has made all this possible. We are equally grateful to all those who have supported us and proud of what we have achieved to help create a brighter future for children on low-income families in Bedfordshire and hope you enjoy reading about it.

Research has highlighted why stimulating interest in the natural environment is the key to unlocking learning potential, building confidence and resilience to give children a more positive future.

Each year we have delivered more places to more children, extended the scope of our courses to deliver our most ambitious curriculum to date and received our most positive feedback from teachers, parents, and children.

We have introduced new activities, hired more staff, had more volunteers and are creating a bank of teachers and volunteers for the future. The family fun day and quiz night have continued to raise awareness and allowed the charity to play a more central community role.

50% of our children this year were FSM, pupil premium or SEND and the need to support the growing number of these children is vital.

We will continue to publicise our funding on social media platforms, newsletters, word of mouth and local fundraising events.

We have been awarded National funding for the first time by the National Lottery and were delighted to receive the High Sheriff award in recognition of our one-day course especially designed for children of the Grange Academy.

“Country days has been an amazing opportunity for our children during the holidays. The charity has been kind enough to open a day especially for our pupils who all have special educational needs at Grange and have made multiple accommodations for the needs of our pupils. The organisers of the days out have been amazing with our pupils and have given them opportunities and experiences they wouldn't usually have such as pond dipping and making dens. All of our pupils loved the day out and talked about it for months after. The children felt like they had achieved so many accomplishments from the day out and it enabled them to build their confidence. I have also had lovely feedback from parents about how nice it is to have a day out especially for our pupils in a safe and comfortable environment. We are so excited to continue these days for our pupils”

Megan Jones, Grange Academy



Helen Orssich (nee Hadfield)
Co – Founder



Esme Watkinson (nee Hadfield)
Co- Founder



Rita Di Carlo
Head of Administration

Our Journey

2018

In 2018 Country Days was founded by Ann Hadfield MBE to help vulnerable young people in Bedfordshire learn to thrive by learning and spending time in nature. She sadly passed away before the first course but her 2 daughters Esme and Helen took over, we had 24 children attending on our first course

2020/2021

In 2020 Covid hit and we did our online courses which over 50 children took part in our online learning, In 2021 our we decided to expand our courses for Easter and summer and saw 150 children attend

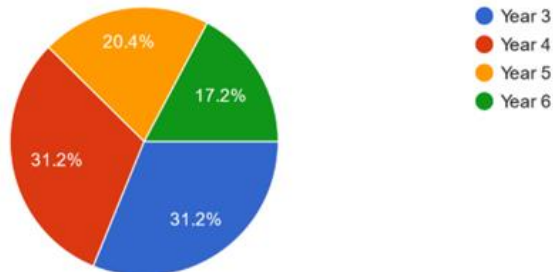
2024

In 2024 the Easter course was a great success. Pond dipping remains a very popular and rewarding activity and the occasional sunshine encouraged not only newts but also water boatmen, pond skaters, water spiders beetles and mayfly nymphs to appear. Summer course 2024 we increased our activities from 4 to 5 and had over 300 children

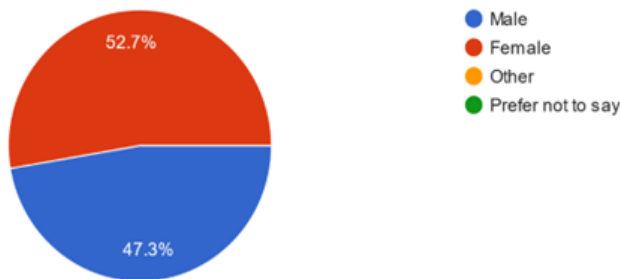
Our young people

Helped 300 unique young people

SCHOOL YEAR GROUP (Must be Present Year groups 3-6)



Gender



50% came from families with financial difficulties

45% of our young people have one or more SEND, mental health or neurodiverse

More than 10% have a social worker or are under a child protection plan (CPP)

The difference we make

- 98% of young people have shown improved **SELF CONFIDENCE**
- We work in partnership with other local agencies including 50+ schools, children's services, and specialist organisations, supporting young people and their families.
- 45 hours of interactive learning in small groups
- 99% would come back to Country Days
- 97% learnt SOMETHING NEW
- 93% made NEW FRIENDS
- 97% improved TEAMWORK SKILLS

Our projects and ambitions

We want to continue to run our outdoor learning courses of one- or two-days duration during the Easter and Summer holidays at a local nature reserve for 300 children aged between 7-11 from low-income families in Bedfordshire who have little or no access to the countryside.

Each year we review our courses using teacher, parental and child feedback and adjust our curriculum accordingly. Our courses this year were the most successful to date, receiving the most positive feedback from parents and children.

Our links with schools and organisations continue to grow rapidly. However, due to the cost-of-living crisis, the pressures on the education and welfare systems, we believe the work Country Days does in the community in Bedfordshire has become increasingly vital to support the emotional wellbeing of children 7-11 consequently we need to broaden its reach to include more children throughout the year.

Therefore, we want to expand our activities to include a Saturday morning club run by 2 teachers so that we can give more children the opportunity to benefit from being outside and learn in a beautiful nature environment.

We need to make improvements including permanent compost toilet facilities at the nature reserve and raise funds for the additional staff to make this possible.

Our Strategic priorities

ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Through our face-to-face delivery, maintain that 50% of places are accessed by young people meeting our criteria and alleviate barriers created by financial hardship. Increase access to healthy meals and snacks at our face-to-face provision.

EXPAND OUR REACH

Ensure that the delivery locations are reflective of where referrals are being received from, where there is most local need, and where we can build strong relationships within the community.

FUNDRAISING

Continue our relationship with our existing funders where possible, explore new funding, extend and develop our fundraising activities.

Our Team



Victoria Hayward
Curriculum leader Safeguarding

Head of Curriculum. Victoria is the Education Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups Lead, School Improvement Team, Bedford Borough Council. She has over 15 years of experience working in education as a former Deputy Headteacher with the focus of driving forward practice and improving outcomes for children.

Teaching staff



Tim Sergeant



Laura Davies



Katrina Hyden



Emma Wilson



Christopher Tansell



Helen Watkinson

Support staff



Rita Di Carlo
Head of Admin



Lynni Gingell
Health and Safety, Fire Marshal



Roy Horner
Site Manager

Group leaders



Amelie Davies



Tim Davies



Nicola Bowyer



Izzy Davies

Volunteers



Sophie Abdin



William Westwood

Fundraising Committee



Esme Orsich



Anna Lewes



Hugh Maltby

Patrons



Susan Lousada, DL

Susan was born and educated in Bedfordshire and has lived all but four years of her life in the county. She is married to Simon, has two children and two grandchildren and enjoys local history, gardening, skiing, walking and spinning classes.

Susan has a BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry and Microbiology from Leeds University and a PGC in Translational Medicine from Cranfield University. She has over 20 years' experience of running a family business prior to its sale in 2007.

She is a non-legal member in the First Tier Tax Tribunal and serves on a Research Ethics Committee based in Oxford where she has held both the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Susan is privileged to serve as Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire as His Majesty the King's representative in the county. Other voluntary positions held include school governor at Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School with particular responsibility for safeguarding and is Chair of the Curriculum Committee and has mentored pupils in a Bedfordshire upper school. She is Vice President of Bedfordshire NSPCC, a member of the County Priory Group (St John's Ambulance), a member of the charity School readers Senior Management Team, serves on the Bedfordshire Committee of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and is a Trustee of Level Trust.

Susan was very honoured to serve as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 2020/2021 where during lockdown she was instrumental in distributing almost 1800 laptops to children with no access to a digital device across Bedfordshire.



Lionel Stewart, MBE

Lionel Stewart is a retired Police Officer with over 60 years' experience both serving and retired. He is Chairman of Beds Retired Police Officers Association NARPO. As Crimebeat coordinator he worked closely with the late Ann Hadfield in the early days of Fun for Young People.

Trustees



Helen Orsich and Esme Watkinson are the daughters of Ann Hadfield MBE. They formed the charity inspired by their mother's vision following their mother's death in 2018. Helen runs an advertising and film production company in London and Esme has just retired as a General Practitioner in Birmingham.

Alexis Orsich works in technology for a startup. Despite living in London, he loves the countryside and believes all children should have the opportunity to appreciate and love nature.

Helen Watkinson is Ann Hadfield's granddaughter. She is Head of Department for English at Fulham Boys School London.

Margaret Campbell is a qualified accountant. She is company secretary for the charity and handles the financial record keeping and preparation of accounts.

Caroline Heaton lives in Bedfordshire and very much enjoys rural life. She feels it is important for young people to have the opportunity to experience time in the countryside and develop skills and knowledge while in an area surrounded by plants, trees and wildlife.

Claire Innes is a Partner in the Interim HR Practice at Eton Bridge Partners, an Executive Search firm in London. Passionate about education and the opportunities it provides to transform lives, Claire supports Country Days with the recruitment of excellent teaching staff to inspire young people.

Frank McMahon was headteacher of Robert Bruce School and greatly appreciated the Fun 4 Young People summer school initiative which enriched the school holiday experiences of so many pupils. He believes Country Days, its ambitious successor, builds on those achievements and significantly develops the range of activities provided.

Caroline Waterfall is a mother of 3 and grandmother of 8. She believes being outside in the countryside broadens the lives and learning of the young.

What Patrons, Trustees, Staff and Volunteers say about us

Lionel Stewart MBE (Patron)

"It is my pleasure to be a Patron of Country Days, as a school governor for over 30 years I have always held the view that EVERY child has a talent it is for us to nurture that talent and in doing so give him or her the confidence to get through life with head held high. Country Days gives so much to the young people that attend each year and are always looking at new ideas to stimulate the learning.

The staff, the volunteers and trustees work together to provide a meaningful experience for all that attend each year. On a number of occasions, I have had the pleasure of visiting the project in action and to see the enjoyment that is evident is priceless.

To our funders I say a big thank you and assure you your money is well spent.

Here's to the future"

Caroline Waterfall (Trustee)

"I support Country Days because I would like every child to have the nature experiences that I was able to have as a child"

Claire Innes (Trustee)

"I support Country Days because it's a wonderful charity providing a much needed solution for local young people. I love the outdoors, and think everyone should have easy access to nature, it's so good for mental health and wellbeing, and the fact that many young people don't get enough access or have enough opportunities to be in nature is a very sad situation. Country Days really meets this need, and there's a desperate need in the Bedfordshire area. This charity has a real impact and makes such a difference to a large number of young people's lives, fostering a love of outdoors for life"

Emma Wilson (Teaching staff)

"Country Days has been one of my best experiences in 34 years as a teacher. It has been said so many times already how important the outdoor experience, fun and learning are to the children and how much they benefit. What must be emphasised is just how ambitious, conscientious and authentic this provision is. What a joy to have children, volunteers and staff so respected and cared for while they learn and play together. If only all learning could be like this"

Sophie Abdin (Volunteer)

"I enjoyed being outdoors and helping. I felt really supported by the staff there, everyone was really nice. I found that the children got so much from the activities. I recognised how much the children valued eating, being outdoors and learning together. It was an extremely rewarding experience and I can't wait until the next one"

What our families say about us

"It's hard to find a course that he enjoys and stays focused on and interested in for any length of time. This course kept him engaged and he said he had a brilliant time. Will definitely recommend to others and will be booking again"

"My daughter was a little nervous going on a course for the first time and not being with any of her friends. I dropped her off and drove away feeling worried and hopeful that she would have a good time but promised if she wasn't happy then the next day she didn't have to go! When I returned to pick her up all I saw walking up the field was a great big beaming smile and her first words to me where we have had the best day ever, I loved it, thank you so much for all you do for the children of Bedfordshire! She is already looking forward to next year!"

"My son enjoyed this course more than any other he's been to in the past 6 years. his favourite bits were the rock painting, the archery, the logic puzzles, poetry and making clay models"

"A truly lovely experience; our daughter thoroughly loved it, and can't wait to come next year! The feedback about the staff was lovely, and I felt better knowing she was well looked after"

"Thank you for a fantastic couple of days! My children had a great time, they made some new friends and the course leaders were engaging and kind. The kids particularly enjoyed holding a newt, archery and learning about different habitats. It was very well organised with lots of different activities"

"My Daughter absolutely loved this and only wanted more! She was so proud of her creations that she could bring home and in particular her finger knitting!!! She loved the pond dipping and clay making and of course the obstacle course. I can't imagine how you could improve. She really loved writing about it in her notepad and is keeping that safe. Honestly a highlight of her holiday and her sister can't wait to join you next year!!"

"My daughter had such a fantastic time on the course. She really enjoyed all of the activities and it was great for her to be outside and off a screen! She particularly enjoyed working with clay and pond dipping. She mentioned Izzy a number of times. We will definitely book again - thank you all for providing such a lovely two days and getting them all out and enjoying nature"

"My daughter thoroughly enjoyed both days, talking with enthusiasm about pond dipping, using clay and archery to name but a few activities. Her self-confidence has been boosted & she has learned new skills. As a parent, the course was extremely well organised from drop off to pick up, the activities and the communication via email/social media"

Our Sponsors in 2024

We are proud to be supported by so many fantastic local and national charitable trusts.



- The St Johns Hospital Trust
- The Carlton Educational Charity
- The Neighbourly Charitable Trust
- The Gale Family Trust
- The Miller Charitable Trust
- Kempston Charities
- Bedford Charitable Trust
- Bedford Lions
- Oakley Parish Council

Trustees Report

Country Days Ltd is a single entity set up as a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity and governed by the objectives listed on the Charity Commission website.

Charitable objectives and activities

To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 11 living in the Borough of Bedford by providing programmes of Physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- A) Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.
- B) Advancing Education
- C) Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for young people living aged 7-11 living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees confirm that they have due regard for the Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, planning future strategy and setting policy. The work of Country Days is fundamental in improving the mental health and wellbeing of young people in Bedfordshire by giving them opportunities they would not otherwise have.

Research has shown multiple benefits of being outdoors on children's learning and development, including social, physical and academic benefits. Despite the research children still spend most of their time inside. With the increasing challenge of climate change it is vital that our young people develop an awareness and appreciation of the natural environment which can only be heightened by spending more time in it.

The Leys Nature Reserve at Felmersham provides an ideal learning environment for Country Days with 33 different varieties of trees in woodland, a pond with great crested and common newts, resident ducks and other wildlife and three natural open play areas.

The use of the Leys Nature Reserve, which is used to host the nature courses for Country Days, is freely donated by its owners Esme Watkinson and Helen S E H Orssich, who also act as trustees for Country Days. The Charity has raised funds to maintain it as safe environment for the children and developed it so it is fit for purpose with the addition of rain shelters, landing stages at the pond and 2 science sheds, Admin hut and storage, in order to allow the course activities to take place and accommodate the growing number of places the charity can offer in line with the demand for its activities.

The nature reserve is not run for profit and the owners' intention is to continue to develop opportunities for schools, voluntary organisations and other charities in Bedfordshire to benefit from using the Nature Reserve if suitable for their activities when it is not in use by the charity, and any fees raised by this will be donated back to Country Days to contribute to the preparation costs of the site for the courses

Financial Review Accounts December 2023

The Charity was awarded total funds of £29,010 this financial year from a range of grant funding, donations and community fund raising activities.

The major sources are grant funding from The National Lottery, The Wixamtree Trust, The Carlton Trust, The BEA, The Gale Trust, Kempston Charities, The Miller Charitable Trust, The St John's Hospital Trust and Bedford Borough Council also provide funding through the HAF programme.

As we expand the remit of our courses, offer more places to more children but keep the teacher to pupil ratio the same, combined with the rise in costs, our yearly budget has risen and the difference of £11,943 between secured funding and the costs been met by funds in our unrestricted reserves.

Currently we hold sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet the funding gap between our costs and the funding we raise and will allow us to expand the charity's vision to benefit more children in Bedfordshire and increase the use of the nature reserve throughout the year but we recognise that these funds will deplete as the charity expands. We now have a charity committee in place and aim to increase our fundraising activities in step with the growth of the charity.

The trustees recognise that as with all charities there is an uncertainty to grant funding but the trustees have an expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees approve a draft budget for each financial year and any costs which exceed this budget but are deemed vital to the charity are approved by the board. Any capital and core costs over a threshold of £2,000 are sanctioned by the board of trustees on an ongoing basis.

Registered number
11433398

Country Days Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2023



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED (11433398)

On accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER 2023 Charity no (if any) 1181833

Set out on pages 1 to 8 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature] Date: 27/09/2024

Name: SOPHIA MULE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): ASSOCIATION OF ACCOUNTING TECHNICIANS - AAT 10261662

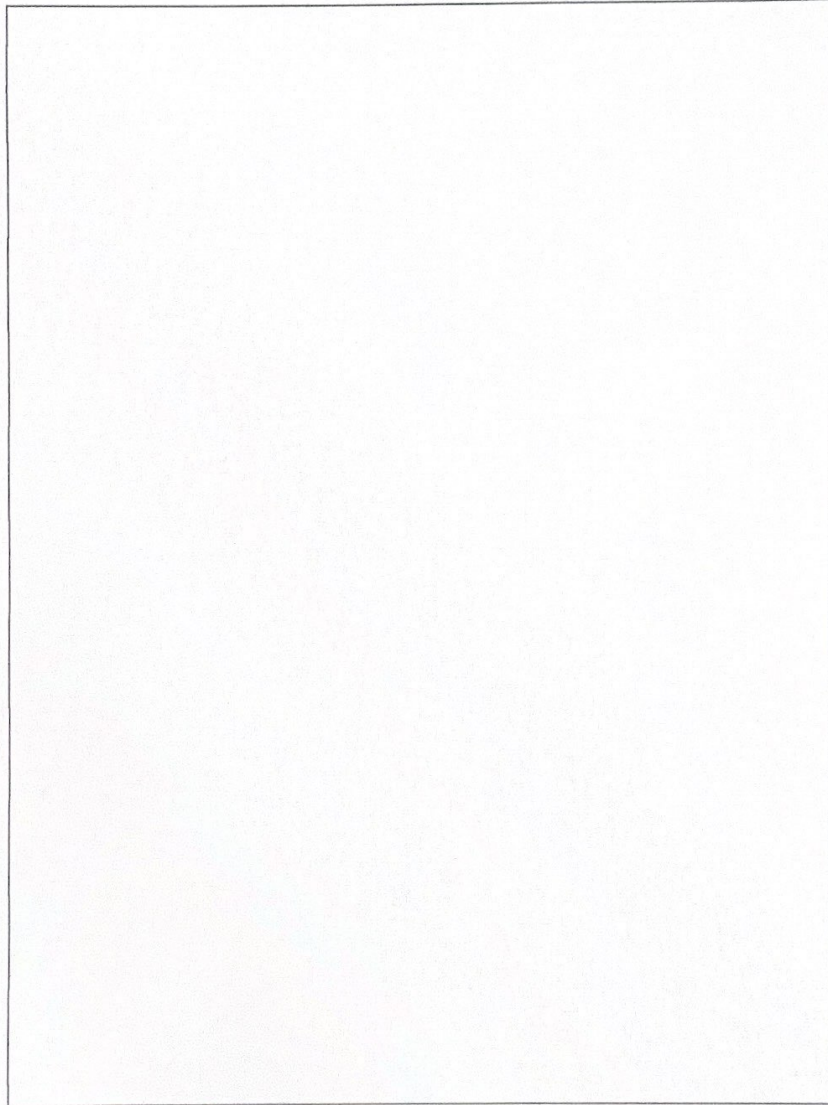
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Country Days Limited
Registered number: 11433398
Directors' Report

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of nature courses for children aged 7 - 11.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Helen Orssich
Esme Watkinson
Caroline Heaton
Claire Innes
Francis McMahon
Alexis Orssich
Caroline Waterfall
Helen Watkinson
They are also trustees of the charity

Directors' responsibilities

The directors are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the directors must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing these accounts, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 23 September 2024 and signed on its behalf.



Helen Orssich Director

Country Days Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Turnover	29,010	56,827
Cost of sales	(24,756)	(18,293)
Gross profit	<u>4,254</u>	<u>38,534</u>
Administrative expenses	(17,309)	(10,008)
Operating (loss)/profit	<u>(13,055)</u>	<u>28,526</u>
Interest receivable	1,110	-
(Loss)/profit before taxation	<u>(11,945)</u>	<u>28,526</u>
Tax on (loss)/profit	-	-
(Loss)/profit for the financial year	<u>(11,945)</u>	<u>28,526</u>

Country Days Limited

Registered number: 11433398

Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	13,321	19,762
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		76,286	81,790
Net current assets		<u>76,286</u>	<u>81,790</u>
Net assets		<u>89,607</u>	<u>101,552</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		89,607	101,552
Shareholders' funds		<u>89,607</u>	<u>101,552</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 478 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Helen Orssich

Director

Approved by the board on 23 September 2024

Country Days Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2022	-	-	-	73,026	73,026
Profit for the financial year				28,526	28,526
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,552</u>	<u>101,552</u>
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	101,552	101,552
Loss for the financial year				(11,945)	(11,945)
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>89,607</u>	<u>89,607</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2023

2 Employees	2023 Number	2022 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets	Plant and machinery etc £
Cost	
At 1 January 2023	<u>25,765</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>25,765</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	6,003
Charge for the year	<u>6,441</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>12,444</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	<u>13,321</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>19,762</u>

4 Other information

Country Days Limited is a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
2 St Stephens Terrace
London
SW8 1DH

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023 €	2022 €
Sales	29,010	56,827
Cost of sales	(24,756)	(18,293)
Gross profit	<u>4,254</u>	<u>38,534</u>
Administrative expenses	(17,309)	(10,008)
Operating (loss)/profit	<u>(13,055)</u>	<u>28,526</u>
Interest receivable	1,110	-
(Loss)/profit before tax	<u>(11,945)</u>	<u>28,526</u>

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2023

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2023	2022
	€	€
Sales		
Donations	24,938	54,557
Fund raising events	2,831	890
Course fees	1,040	1,380
Other	201	
	<u>29,010</u>	<u>56,827</u>
 Cost of sales		
Course costs	12,047	12,383
Field costs	12,709	5,910
	<u>24,756</u>	<u>18,293</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Fees paid	7,350	2,727
	<u>7,350</u>	<u>2,727</u>
Premises costs:		
Water	329	-
	<u>329</u>	<u>-</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and internet	313	126
PO box	396	378
Fund raising costs	541	-
Bank charges	126	393
Insurance	1,011	944
Rubbish removal	464	-
Depreciation	6,441	5,153
Sundry expenses	110	100
	<u>9,402</u>	<u>7,094</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Advertising and PR	228	187
	<u>228</u>	<u>187</u>
	<u>17,309</u>	<u>10,008</u>

COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181833

Accounts

COUNTRY DAYS

Nature Day Courses for Young People in Bedfordshire

PO Box 1591, Bedford MK42 5DT

Email : info@countrydays.net



Country Days Limited

Registered number

11433398

Charity number

1181833

Trustees Report

P O Box 1591, Bedford, MK425DT

Country Days is an Educational Charity providing outdoor learning in a beautiful nature reserve for young people aged 7-11 in Bedfordshire. We aim to provide children who have little or no access to the countryside with an opportunity to learn in and about nature. We aim to enrich and develop their learning by stimulating their imagination with a carefully designed curriculum which fosters an understanding and appreciation of the natural environment and develops their educational and emotional development through problem solving, teamwork and enhancing their communication skills. We run four one day courses in the Easter Holidays and 2 x two-day courses in the summer holidays and have been able to offer places to 280 children.

Country Days has two patrons and nine trustees, a head of admin and a course supervisor. The head of admin and founder trustees liaise with teaching committee led by Victoria Hayward and teaching staff on the courses to devise an exciting and progressive curriculum for the children every year and a separate fundraising committee to generate the funding for the courses and the resources for the children at the local nature reserve. The charity was founded 5 years ago based on the vision of Ann Hadfield MBE (now deceased) who had previously founded the charity F4YP to help young people in Bedfordshire. All the trustees with the exception of the family members of Ann Hadfield and Margaret Campbell (Accountant) are locally based. The trustees offer different but invaluable expertise and were recruited in consultation with the Founding Patron of Country Days, Brian Woodrow OBE, now deceased, who had made a huge contribution to raising funds for local charities and organisations in Bedfordshire and improving the circumstances and making a difference to those in need in Bedfordshire. All the trustees are united and passionate in their belief to help develop opportunities for young people of Bedfordshire to fulfill their potential, gain vital life skills and foster a lifelong understanding and appreciation of the natural environment which is so critical to their wellbeing and future.

Following courses at Easter and Summer, the core team of teachers and admin discuss their progress across three key areas, teamwork and cooperation, problem solving and confidence at the beginning and end of the courses so we can evaluate the effectiveness of the courses and the children complete a questionnaire and the teaching staff and parents provide feedback. The feedback is useful so every year we use the previous years' experience to further develop a curriculum designed to stimulate their imagination and extend their knowledge experientially. We offer learning across 4 core areas of science, art and literacy, sport and bushcraft and on our 2-day courses extend their cultural capital by building the courses around a theme. We also aim to introduce them to new activities which they haven't previously experienced for instance archery and semaphore.

Our high pupil to teaching ratio not only fosters the individual learning which makes a huge difference to our many SEND children but also creates a sharper learning curve and faster individual development for all the children in our natural environment over a short time period. With carefully thought-out engaging activities in a beautiful natural environment, we aim to promote their emotional wellbeing and develop the imagination and curiosity about the natural world and provide them with different but complimentary educational opportunities outside of their usual remit.

In line with the funding received and in order to be able to increase the number of places on our courses in line with the growing demand we completed work on two additional rain shelters and continued to improve the biodiversity at the field to encourage more insects, birds and wild life to flourish within the habitat for the children to discover and observe. We built another landing stage by the pond so that more children could partake in the very popular activity of pond dipping. We set up wildlife cameras within the nature reserve for the children to see the nocturnal activities of the wildlife at the nature reserve and extend their awareness and understanding of a natural habitat. We were delighted by the feedback on the courses and we will intend to continue to develop our curriculum give children opportunities and learning which is both complementary to and outside of the remit provided in schools.

We are building local awareness of the charity and helping to foster relationships with the local schools and local community.

We are delighted by the support from local trusts including the Harpur Trust, the BEA, the Wixamtree Trust, the Carlton Trust, the Bedford Charitable Trust, St John's Hospital Trust, the House of Industry, the Neighbourly Trust, the Miller Charitable Trust and Kempston Charities, Bedford Borough Council and several local parish councils. We are also part of the HAF scheme.

Our Fundraising events included a very successful fundraising dinner and an individual 5k event which combined with the donations from local trusts, private individual donations and several local councils meant that we met our Fundraising target for 2022 and were able to run all our planned courses, ensure the Nature Reserve was fit for purpose and safe for the children and increase its biodiversity for a bright future. Year on year we have met our financial targets and delivered more places on our courses for the young people in Bedfordshire.

As can be seen from the accounts there is sufficient funding in the bank to cover the running costs of the planned courses, maintenance of the site and administration for the next year and develop the site with a view to expanding the activities and opportunities we offer.

Any funds donated for specific purposes were spent within the appropriate year so there are no specific reserved funds. It is our informal policy to have enough in the bank account to be able to fund activities a year in advance. Detailed accounts are enclosed.

Country Days Ltd is a single entity set up as a private company limited by guarantee and a registered charity and governed by the objectives listed on the Charity Commission website.

The use of the Leys Nature Reserve, which is used to host the nature courses for Country Days, is freely donated by its owners Esme Watkinson and Helen S E H Orsich, who also act as trustees for Country Days. The Charity has raised funds to maintain it as safe environment for the children and developed it so it is fit for purpose with the addition of more rain shelters and a landing stage at the pond in order to allow the course activities to take place and accommodate the growing number of places the charity can offer in line with the demand for its activities. The nature reserve is not run for profit and the owners' future intention is to create opportunities for schools, voluntary organisations and other charities in Bedfordshire to benefit from using the Nature Reserve if suitable for their activities when it is not in use by the charity, and any fees raised by this will be donated back to Country Days to contribute to the preparation costs of the site for the courses.

More details are included below.

Patrons

Susan Lousada, DL

Susan was born and educated in Bedfordshire and has lived all but four years of her life in the county. She is married to Simon, has two children and two grandchildren and enjoys local history, gardening, skiing, walking and spinning classes.

Susan has a BSc (Hons) in Biochemistry and Microbiology from Leeds University and a PGC in Translational Medicine from Cranfield University. She has over 20 years' experience of running a family business prior to its sale in 2007.

She is a non-legal member in the First Tier Tax Tribunal and serves on a Research Ethics Committee based in Oxford where she has held both the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.

Susan is privileged to serve as Lord-Lieutenant of Bedfordshire as His Majesty the King's representative in the county. Other voluntary positions held include school governor at Pilgrims Pre-Preparatory School with particular responsibility for safeguarding and is Chair of the Curriculum Committee and has mentored pupils in a Bedfordshire upper school. She is Vice President of Bedfordshire NSPCC, a member of the County Priory Group (St John's Ambulance), a member of the charity School readers Senior Management Team, serves on the Bedfordshire Committee of the East Anglian Air Ambulance and is a Trustee of Level Trust.

Susan was very honoured to serve as High Sheriff of Bedfordshire in 2020/2021 where during lockdown she was instrumental in distributing almost 1800 laptops to children with no access to a digital device across Bedfordshire.

Lionel Stewart, MBE

Lionel Stewart is a retired Police Officer with over 60 years' experience both serving and retired. He is Chairman of Beds Retired Police Officers Association NARPO. As Crimebeat coordinator he worked closely with the late Ann Hadfield in the early days of Fun for Young People.

Trustees

Helen Orssich and **Esme Watkinson** are the daughters of Ann Hadfield MBE. They formed the charity inspired by their mother's vision following their mother's death in 2018. Helen runs an advertising and film production company in London and Esme has just retired as a General Practitioner in Birmingham.

Alexis Orssich works in technology for a startup. Despite living in London, he loves the countryside and believes all children should have the opportunity to appreciate and love nature.

Helen Watkinson is Ann Hadfield's granddaughter. She is Head of Department for English at Fulham Boys School London.

Margaret Campbell is a qualified accountant. She is company secretary for the charity and handles the financial record keeping and preparation of accounts.

Caroline Heaton lives in Bedfordshire and very much enjoys rural life. She feels it is important for young people to have the opportunity to experience time in the countryside and develop skills and knowledge while in an area surrounded by plants, trees and wildlife.

Claire Innes Claire Innes is a HR and interim management recruitment specialist at the Association of Colleges, the membership body for the Further Education sector in England. Passionate about education and the opportunities it provides to transform lives, Claire supports Country Days with the recruitment of excellent teaching staff to inspire young people.

Frank McMahon was headteacher of Robert Bruce School and greatly appreciated the Fun 4 Young People summer school initiative which enriched the school holiday experiences of so many pupils. He believes Country Days, its ambitious successor, builds on those achievements and significantly develops the range of activities provided.

Caroline Waterfall is a mother of 3 and grandmother of 7. She believes being outside in the countryside broadens the lives and learning of the young.

Committee

Rita Di Carlo is the Charity Secretary and leads the admin team. She has just retired as office manager at Kempston Academy after dedicating a quarter of a century to the schools of Kempston in Bedfordshire.

Victoria Hayward is the Head of Curriculum. Victoria is the Education Safeguarding and Vulnerable Groups Lead, School Improvement Team, Bedford Borough Council. She has over 15 years of experience working in education as a former Deputy Headteacher with the focus of driving forward practice and improving outcomes for children.

Lynni Gingell is the health & safety officer and fire marshall. Lynni is the Safeguarding officer at Kempston Academy.

Site Maintenance

Roy Horner is farm estate manager in Bromham and has managed the Leys nature reserve since 1994.



Helen Orssich (nee Hadfield)

Co – Founder/Trustee



Esme Watkinson (nee Hadfield)

Co – Founder/Trustee

Patrons: Lionel Stewart MBE. Susan Lousada DL.

Trustees: Margaret Campbell; Caroline Heaton; Claire Innes; Frank McMahon; Alexis Orssich; Helen Orssich nee Hadfield; Dr Esme Watkinson nee Hadfield; Helen Watkinson; Caroline Waterfall

Registered Charity No.1181833

Registered number
11433398

Country Days Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2022

Country Days Limited**Registered number: 11433398****Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of nature courses for children aged 7 - 11.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Helen Orssich
Esme Watkinson
Caroline Heaton
Claire Innes
Francis McMahon
Alexis Orssich
Caroline Waterfall
Helen Watkinson
They are also trustees of the charity

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 27th September 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Helen Orssich
Director

Country Days Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Turnover	56,827	54,844
Cost of sales	(18,293)	(26,633)
Gross profit	<u>38,534</u>	<u>28,211</u>
Administrative expenses	(10,008)	(5,925)
Operating profit	<u>28,526</u>	<u>22,286</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>28,526</u>	<u>22,286</u>
Tax on profit	-	-
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>28,526</u></u>	<u><u>22,286</u></u>

Country Days Limited**Registered number:** 11433398**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	19,762	3,400
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		81,790	69,626
Net current assets		<u>81,790</u>	<u>69,626</u>
Net assets		<u>101,552</u>	<u>73,026</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		101,552	73,026
Shareholders' funds		<u>101,552</u>	<u>73,026</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.



Helen Orssich
Director

Approved by the board on 27th September
2023

Country Days Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2021	-	-	-	50,740	50,740
Profit for the financial year				22,286	22,286
At 31 December 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,026</u>	<u>73,026</u>
At 1 January 2022	-	-	-	73,026	73,026
Profit for the financial year				28,526	28,526
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>101,552</u>	<u>101,552</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover also includes donations received.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such does not pay corporation tax

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

2 Employees

	2022	2021
	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2022

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Site Improvements £
Cost	
At 1 January 2022	4,250
Additions	21,515
At 31 December 2022	<u>25,765</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2022	850
Charge for the year	5,153
At 31 December 2022	<u>6,003</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2022	<u>19,762</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>3,400</u>
Items added to the site improvements in the year included Two rain shelters and a bin store. The car park was improved	

4 Other information

Country Days Limited is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:
 2 St Stephens Terrace
 London
 SW8 1DH

It is a registered charity number 1181833

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2022

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sales	56,827	54,844
Cost of sales	(18,293)	(26,633)
Gross profit	<u>38,534</u>	<u>28,211</u>
Administrative expenses	(10,008)	(5,925)
Operating profit	<u>28,526</u>	<u>22,286</u>
Profit before tax	<u>28,526</u>	<u>22,286</u>

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2022

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Sales		
Donations	54,557	48,942
Legacy	-	-
Fund raising event	890	5,222
Course fees	1,380	680
	<u>56,827</u>	<u>54,844</u>
 Cost of sales		
Course costs	12,383	12,798
Field costs	5,910	13,835
	<u>18,293</u>	<u>26,633</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Fees paid	2,727	1,920
	<u>2,727</u>	<u>1,920</u>
Premises costs:		
Water	-	(232)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(232)</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Telephone and fax	126	406
P O Box	378	360
Bank charges	393	90
Insurance	944	805
Fund raising costs	-	1,526
Depreciation	5,153	850
Sundry expenses	100	-
	<u>7,094</u>	<u>4,037</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Advertising and PR	187	200
	<u>187</u>	<u>200</u>
	<u>10,008</u>	<u>5,925</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the
trustees/directors/
members of**

Charity Name

Country Days Limited

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

Charity no.:

1181833

Company no.:

11433398

Set out on pages

1 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31/12/2022

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

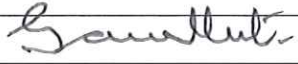
[The company's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of accounting technicians (10261662)]

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:		Date:	13/9/23
Name:	SOPHIA MULE		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	Association of Accounting Technicians AAT 10261662		
Address:	19 Bradgate Road		
	Bedford MK40 3DE		

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181833

Accounts

Registered number
11433398

Country Days Limited

Filleted Accounts

31 December 2021

Country Days Limited

Report to the directors on the preparation of the unaudited statutory accounts of Country Days Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Country Days Limited for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Changes in Equity and the related notes from the company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>

Our work has been undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants as detailed at <http://www.accaglobal.com/factsheet163>.

Campbell & Co
Chartered Certified Accountants

23 August 2022

Country Days Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
Turnover	54,844	39,287
Cost of sales	(26,633)	(7,185)
Gross profit	<u>28,211</u>	<u>32,102</u>
Administrative expenses	(5,925)	(4,388)
Operating profit	<u>22,286</u>	<u>27,714</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>22,286</u>	<u>27,714</u>
Tax on profit	-	-
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>22,286</u></u>	<u><u>27,714</u></u>

Country Days Limited
Registered number:
Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2021

11433398

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	3	3,400	-
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		69,626	53,120
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	-	(2,380)
Net current assets		<u>69,626</u>	<u>50,740</u>
Net assets		<u>73,026</u>	<u>50,740</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		73,026	50,740
Shareholders' funds		<u>73,026</u>	<u>50,740</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Helen Orssich
 Director

Approved by the board on 23 August 2022

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover also includes donations received.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

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Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such does not pay corporation tax

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

2 Employees

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Tangible fixed assets

	Site Improvements £
Cost	
Additions	<u>4,250</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>4,250</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Depreciation

Charge for the year	850
At 31 December 2021	<u>850</u>

Net book value

At 31 December 2021	<u>3,400</u>
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4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2021	2020
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>-</u>	<u>2,380</u>

5 Other information

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It is a registered charity number 1181833

COUNTRY DAYS LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1181833

Accounts

Registered number
11433398

Country Days Limited

Report and Accounts

31 December 2020

Country Days Limited**Registered number: 11433398****Directors' Report**

The directors present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Principal activities

The company's principal activity during the year continued to be the provision of nature courses for children aged 7 - 11.

Directors

The following persons served as directors during the year:

Helen Orssich
Esme Watkinson
Caroline Heaton
Claire Innes
Francis McMahon
Alexis Orssich
Caroline Waterfall
Helen Watkinson
They are also trustees of the charity

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

This report was approved by the board on 23 September 2021 and signed on its behalf.

Director

Country Days Limited
Profit and Loss Account
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Turnover	39,287	25,679
Cost of sales	(7,185)	(17,322)
Gross profit	<u>32,102</u>	<u>8,357</u>
Administrative expenses	(4,388)	(3,740)
Operating profit	<u>27,714</u>	<u>4,617</u>
Profit before taxation	<u>27,714</u>	<u>4,617</u>
Tax on profit	-	-
Profit for the financial year	<u><u>27,714</u></u>	<u><u>4,617</u></u>

Country Days Limited**Registered number:** 11433398**Balance Sheet****as at 31 December 2020**

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		53,120	23,026
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	(2,380)	-
Net current assets		<u>50,740</u>	<u>23,026</u>
Net assets		<u>50,740</u>	<u>23,026</u>
Capital and reserves			
Profit and loss account		50,740	23,026
Shareholders' funds		<u>50,740</u>	<u>23,026</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime. The profit and loss account has not been delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

Helen Orssich

Director

Approved by the board on 23 September 2021

Country Days Limited
Statement of Changes in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Share capital	Share premium	Re- valuation reserve	Profit and loss account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At 1 January 2019	-	-	-	18,409	18,409
Profit for the financial year				4,617	4,617
At 31 December 2019	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,026</u>	<u>23,026</u>
At 1 January 2020	-	-	-	23,026	23,026
Profit for the financial year				27,714	27,714
At 31 December 2020	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,740</u>	<u>50,740</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (as applied to small entities by section 1A of the standard).

Turnover

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable, net of discounts and value added taxes. Turnover includes revenue earned from the sale of goods and from the rendering of services. Turnover also includes donations received.

Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price), less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts. Loans and other financial assets are initially recognised at transaction price including any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses for bad and doubtful debts.

Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at transaction price (which is usually the invoice price). Loans and other financial liabilities are initially recognised at transaction price net of any transaction costs and subsequently measured at amortised cost determined using the effective interest method.

Taxation

The company is a registered charity and as such does not pay corporation tax

Provisions

Provisions (ie liabilities of uncertain timing or amount) are recognised when there is an obligation at the reporting date as a result of a past event, it is probable that economic benefit will be transferred to settle the obligation and the amount of the obligation can be estimated reliably.

2 Employees

	2020	2019
	Number	Number
Average number of persons employed by the company	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>2,380</u>	<u>-</u>

Country Days Limited
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 December 2020

4 Other information

Country Days Limited is a private company limited by guarantee and incorporated in England. Its registered office is:

2 St Stephens Terrace
London
SW8 1DH

It is a registered charity number 1181833

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2020

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sales	39,287	25,679
Cost of sales	(7,185)	(17,322)
Gross profit	<u>32,102</u>	<u>8,357</u>
Administrative expenses	(4,388)	(3,740)
Operating profit	<u>27,714</u>	<u>4,617</u>
Profit before tax	<u>27,714</u>	<u>4,617</u>

Country Days Limited
Detailed profit and loss account
for the year ended 31 December 2020

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts

	2020	2019
	£	£
Sales		
Donations	36,242	21,852
Legacy	3,000	3,382
Course fees	45	445
	<u>39,287</u>	<u>25,679</u>
 Cost of sales		
Course costs	568	6,979
Field costs	6,617	10,343
	<u>7,185</u>	<u>17,322</u>
 Administrative expenses		
Employee costs:		
Fees paid	1,393	1,323
	<u>1,393</u>	<u>1,323</u>
Premises costs:		
Water	732	700
	<u>732</u>	<u>700</u>
General administrative expenses:		
P O Box	352	343
Office costs	-	170
Bank charges	49	-
Insurance	693	670
Fund raising costs	625	-
Sundry expenses	-	260
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>1,443</u>
Legal and professional costs:		
Advertising and PR	544	274
	<u>544</u>	<u>274</u>
	<u>4,388</u>	<u>3,740</u>