

THE DETECTORISTS FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1182023

Details

Other names	DIF: DETECTORISTS INSTITUTE AND FOUNDATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-02-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Website	www.thedif.org.uk

Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN CONSERVING AND PRESERVING OUR NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE INCLUDING:1. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUBJECT OF METAL DETECTING TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRINCIPLES. 2. TO ASSIST IN SUCH WAYS AS THE CHARITY TRUSTEES THINK FIT IN SUPPORTING THE RECORDING AND PRESERVATION OF DISCOVERED PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES.3. TO IDENTIFY AND CONSERVE NEW DISCOVERIES OF AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL NATURE.

Activities: To conserve and preserve our national archaeological heritage including:1. To advance the education of the public in the subject of metal detecting to archaeological principles.2. To assist in such ways as the charity trustees think fit in supporting the recording and preservation of discovered portable antiques.3. To identify and conserve new discoveries of an archaeological nature.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31		£0	£0	-
2023-08-31		£0	£0	-
2022-07-31		£0	£0	-
2021-07-31		£0	£0	-
2020-07-31		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JASON FRANKLIN		2019-02-13
KEITH WESTCOTT		2019-02-13
LEANNE WESTCOTT		2019-02-13
NATHAN PORTLOCK-ALLAN		2019-02-13

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THE DETECTORISTS FOUNDATION

Trustees Report For the year ended 31 August 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and accounts of The Detectorists Foundation (“the charity”) for the 13 months ended 31 August 2023. The legal and administrative information set out earlier in this document forms part of this report.

1. Activities

There were no activities during the year.

2. Financial Review

There was no financial activity during the year, there were no financial balances at the start or at the end of the period.

3. Responsibilities of Trustees for the Accounts

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The Trustees also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

4. Approval

The report of the Trustees was approved by the Trustees on 9 June 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Keith Westcott
Trustee

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Wenn Townsend

Chartered Accountants

Oxford

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Statement on public benefit

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Achievements and performance

The charity did not operate during the period of these accounts.

The Detectorists Foundation
Report of the Trustees (continued)
for the year ended 31st July 2022

Financial review

The charity was dormant throughout the accounting period. It had no assets or liabilities at the balance sheet date.

Structure, Governance and Management

How the charity is constituted

The Detectorists Foundation is a CIO. There are 4 Trustees.

Selection, induction and training of Trustees

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The organisational structure

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
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Registered charity number	1182023
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Independent examiners	Wenn Townsend 30 St Giles Oxford OX1 3LE

Names of the trustees

The Trustees during the year and since the year end were:

Trustee name

Jason Franklin
Nathan Portlock - Allan
Keith Westcott
Leanne Westcott

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees on 21st April 2023.

Signed

Keith Westcott

The Detectorists Foundation

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Detectorists Foundation

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st July 2022 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity 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 your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

A C Rodzynski FCA
Partner
Wenn Townsend
Chartered Accountants
Oxford

21st April 2023

The Detectorists Foundation

Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account)
for the year ended 31st July 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Income				
<i>Donations and legacies</i>				
Donations		-	-	-
Total income		-	-	-
Expenditure				
<i>Charitable activities</i>				
Grants		-	-	-
Total expenditure		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		-	-	-
Total funds at 31st July 2022		-	-	-

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The Detectorists Foundation

Balance Sheet
as at 31st July 2022

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets			-		-
Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		-		-	
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>(-)</u>		<u>(-)</u>	
Net current assets			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Net assets			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
			<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
			<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
			<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	

Approved by the Trustees on 21st April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

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Keith Westcott - Trustee

The Detectorists Foundation

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31st July 2022

1. Accounting policies

(a) Basis of preparation

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The Detectorists Foundation meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

(b) Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

The Trustees consider that the principal uncertainty regarding going concern relates to the ability to raise funds. The Trustees monitor results and budget to mitigate that risk.

(c) Volunteers

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

(d) Income

Income is included when receivable. Where income has conditions attached to it, that income is recognised when there is certainty of receipt, entitlement and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. Income (including grants receivable) is deferred where conditions exist on entitlement such as a specified future time period.

(e) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised in the period in which it is incurred and includes attributable VAT which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is recognised when a legal or constructive obligation arises. Costs of raising funds are those costs incurred in attracting voluntary income. Governance costs are those costs incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

(f) Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

(g) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2. Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

3. Related party transactions

There were no transactions with related parties to disclose for the year.

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Wenn Townsend

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26th May 2022

The Detectorists Foundation

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as at 31st July 2021

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Fixed assets					
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Current assets					
Debtors		-		-	
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		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
		-		-	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(-)		(-)	
		<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Net current assets			-	-	
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Net assets			-		-
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
Funds					
Unrestricted funds			-		-
			<u> </u>		<u> </u>
			-		-
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Partner
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Chartered Accountants
Oxford**

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Net movement in funds		-	-
Total funds at 31st July 2020		-	-

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The Detectorists Foundation

Balance Sheet
as at 31st July 2020

	Note	£	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets			-
Current assets			
Debtors		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		-	
		<hr/>	
		-	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<hr/>	
		(-)	
Net current assets			-
			<hr/>
Net assets			-
			<hr/> <hr/>
Funds			
Unrestricted funds			-
			<hr/>
			-
			<hr/> <hr/>

Approved by the Trustees on 20 July 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

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At 31st July 2020

£13,518

3. Related party transactions

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