

BRISTOL & SOMERSET RAYNET GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1182470

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-03-14

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

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Activities

Objects: THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN LIFE AND PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, BY PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL SOURCE OF COMMUNICATIONS FOR EMERGENCIES OR DISASTERS OR THE PREVENTION THEREOF.

Activities: We are an independent local group affiliated to the national organisation. We provide communications support to both official organisations during civil emergencies and local community organisations and events. Our expertise is in providing supportive or additional communications over area where traditional telecommunications either fail to work or are unreliable

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£983	£581	-	-
2024-04-05	£10,265	£14,338	-	-
2023-04-05	£1,239	£1,203	-	-
2022-04-05	£1,161	£2,606	-	-
2021-04-05	£12,056	£4,299	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
MIKE WHITEHEAD	Chair	2013-07-16
ALAN WILLIAMS		2013-07-16
Alan Ottaway		2020-12-21
Christopher Bessant		2024-03-16
GILL WHITEHEAD		2013-07-16
MARTIN ODAM		2017-07-26
Mark Hildich		2024-03-02
RON HARDIE		2017-07-26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
From	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2024	To	Day 05	Month 04	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

1182470

Charity's principal address

29 Coulson's Road

Whitchurch

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
n/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

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When discussing the events the group have been requested to assist with, the Trustees ensure that the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit is kept in mind.

The main activities covered during this period were to provide event and safety communications for the following Charitable Organisations.

Weston Hospicecare – Mendip Challenge 2nd June 2024.

This event is a sponsored walk is to raise money towards the running costs of the hospice and consists of volunteers and supporters walking the West Mendip Way, our services are used to provide resilient and reliable radio communications to assist the tracking of walkers due to mobile phones not working over the terrain to ensure their safety.

Channel Events – Mendip Murmuration 8th June 2024.

This event is a mountain bike race covering 35 miles of the Mendip Hills AONB, our services are used to provide resilient and reliable radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain to ensure rider safety.

Relish Running Races – Cheddar Gorge Challenge 9th June 2024.

This event is a series of cross-country running races over the Mendip Hills AONB covering various distances up to and including a half marathon. Our services are again required to provide resilient and reliable event and safety radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain.

Parkinsons Walk for Life – 15th June 2024.

This year's event was held at a new location within the grounds of the Blaise Castle Estate in North Bristol and comprised of a 1.5-mile and a 5-mile leisurely family walk around the estate grounds to raise monies for Parkinsons UK.

This year also saw the group participating in a live exercise run by the Avon & Somerset Resilience Forum on 12th April. This exercise was for the local authorities to test their Rest Centre Plans with our element being to facilitate the off grid communications between the 4x rest centres, 1x Control Room and 2x Repeater/Relay sites.

The exercise ran from 12.00 to 18.00hrs and highlighted RAYNET's ability to operate a stand alone communications system however it did demonstrate that more resilience was required relating to off grid power if this type of situation was to be a prolonged situation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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- contribution made by volunteers.

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The Group use donations received to acquire new equipment to assist in the provision of resilient and reliable communications for situations when other forms of communications fail.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group have attended several events this year providing event and safety communications for events that would otherwise not be possible to run due to the lack of reliable communication routes. The organisations we have worked with have all expressed their thanks for the professional service we provide both on the event and with the assistance of their planning. The Group are very experienced in setting up and running communications facilities over challenging terrain and many of our members are long serving. We have worked with several of the organisations listed above for many years now through several staff changes and our experience is always valued and appreciated when planning current events. Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group were also able to demonstrate to the local authorities our ability to provide off grid communications over several locations should the need arise.

Brief statement of the charity’s policy on reserves

Cash at bank as of 5th April 2025 was £4201.85 in unrestricted funds. These funds are sufficient to cover the Groups registration renewal fees to the National Organisation in January 2026 of approximately £250 and to pursue investment in off grid power sources such as Lithium-ion batteries and portable generators. No other outlays are expected at this time. No specific fund reserves are set at this time as no additional expenditure is expected.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Other optional information

Future Plans.

The Group are looking to be able to purchase off grid power sources such as solar generators, Portable Power Stations & Lithium-Ion batteries to extend the operating time of our digital radios and repeaters and to become more resilient when operating away from mains power or in the event of a local or more regionalised power outage.

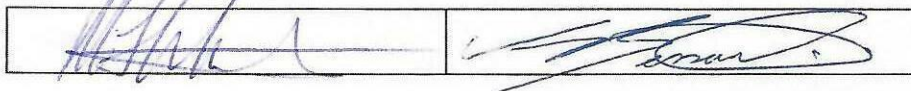
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Mike Whitehead

Christopher Bessant

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Deputy Chair

Date

9th January 2026

Accounts 06 April 2024 to 05 April 2025**INCOME**

30/04/24	Richard M6TNH for RAYNET Fleece	32.50
12/06/24	Mendip Murmuration	300.00
13/06/24	Relish the Gorge. Donation.	250.00
04/07/24	Gladiator Events - Parkinsons Donation	150.00
12/07/24	Mendip Challenge Donation	250.00

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Total Income 982.50

EXPENSES

09/04/24	Website fee Gill	14.40
30/04/24	G8OQG Fuel Mendip Challenge £14, Arc5 + engineering £18	32.00
30/04/24	M6TNH Fuel Big Cheese and engineering	46.64
09/05/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
09/06/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
29/06/24	Pete G8OQG Fuel June events and Engineering	33.00
29/06/24	Ron G4SNU Fuel Mendip Challenge	14.00
29/06/24	Graeme M3XIR Fuel TOTG and Parkinsons Walk	50.00
09/07/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
09/08/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
09/09/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
09/10/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
11/11/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.60
13/11/24	Registration for Andy Evans 2E0IFG transfer	17.50
21/11/24	Bristol & Somerset Group 2025 Registrations	192.00
09/12/24	Website Fee (Gill)	14.20
06/01/25	Website Fee (Gill)	14.40
06/01/25	RAYNET registration	12.00
22/01/25	RAYNET registration	39.00

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Total Expenses 580.14

Excess of income over expenditure

Income	982.50	
Expenditure	580.14	-

Excess		
Last years balance	3,799.49	+

Balance		

I Event Donations Represented by 950.00

Bank Acc	4,201.85

Balance	<u>4,201.85</u>

Breakdown of Expenses Per Event

The Mendip Challenge	
02/06/2024	
G8OQG fuel	14.00
G4SNU Fuel	14.00
Total Expenses	28.00
Donation from Channel Events	250.00
Surplus	<u>222.00</u>

Mendip Murmuration	
08/06/2024	
Total Expenses	0.00
Donation from Channel Events	300.00
Surplus	<u>300.00</u>

Cheddar Gorge Challenge	
09/06/2024	
Graeme M3XIR Fuel	25.00
Total expenses	25.00
Donation from Relish Running	250.00
Surplus	<u>225.00</u>

Parkinsons Walk for Life	
15/06/2024	
Graeme M3XIR Fuel	25.00
Total expenses	25.00
Donation from Parkinsons	150.00
Surplus	<u>125.00</u>

Total Event Expenses	64.00
Difference	<u>886.00</u>

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Woodspring Wings – International Model Air Show 8th & 9th July 2023.

This event takes place between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare and is one of the largest model air shows in Europe. Our role here was to control the radio network and to run the control room to ensure clear lines of communications were maintained at all times.

Relish Running Races – Cheddar 10k Road Race 6th September 2023.

This event is a closed road sponsored ran through the stunning Cheddar Gorge where our services are again required to provide resilient and reliable event and safety radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain.

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Section D Achievements and performance

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank as of 5th April 2024 was £3799.49 in unrestricted funds. These funds are sufficient to cover the Groups registration renewal fees to the National Organisation in January 2025 of approximately £200 and to pursue investment in off grid power sources such as Lithium-ion batteries and portable generators. No other outlays are expected at this time. No specific fund reserves are set at this time as no additional expenditure is expected.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

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The Group applied for a Grant from the Local Resilience Forum for the purchase of digital repeater and radio equipment and this application was approved and the digital equipment has now been purchased. This will assist us to be able to provide further resilience and secure communications if required.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans.

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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Whitehead	Gill Whitehead
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Deputy Chair
Date	16 th March 2025	

Accounts 06 April 2023 to 05 April 2024

INCOME

20/04/23	Cheddar Running Club Donation for Big Cheese	300.00
24/04/23	Amazon Core Donation	7.43
19/05/23	Amazon Core Donation	25.49
05/06/23	Bristol City Council Grant	5,927.15
03/07/23	Channel UK Events Donation for Mendip Murmuration	300.00
05/07/23	Relish the Gorge Donation for Top of the Gorge	250.00
26/07/23	Gladiator Events Donation, Parkinsons Walk	150.00
02/08/23	Woodspring Wings Donation	100.00
06/08/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR1	522.44
06/08/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR6	189.99
07/08/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR5	189.99
16/08/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR4	712.43
30/08/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR3	522.44
18/09/23	Members Invoice for purchase of DMR Radios 230806DMR2	522.44
16/10/23	Relish Running, Relish the Gorge, Donation.	195.00
16/01/24	B&NES Donation for help with Bath Half Marathon	50.00
02/04/24	Cheddar Running Club Donation for Big Cheese	300.00
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	Total Income	10,264.80

EXPENSES

08/04/23	Website fee	11.99
20/04/23	G8OQG Fuel for Big Cheese	20.00
08/05/23	Website fee	11.99
06/06/23	Guy rope, Shackles, Warning tape	79.91
09/06/23	APC Workwear Gill Garments	273.80
09/06/23	Website fee	11.99
04/07/23	G8OQG fuel for TOTG	26.00
04/07/23	G4SNU fuel for TOTG	33.00
06/07/23	Adam 2E0IOC ToTG fuel	28.00
06/07/23	Greame M3XIR ToTG fuel	38.00
06/07/23	APC Workwear Garments - Fleeces	206.17
08/07/23	Otter Communications Ltd - Mugs	171.00
08/07/23	Website fee	11.99
14/07/23	Justcom, 2X Calitta PR900u repeaters	3,454.25
15/07/23	William Bourne, 9 Metre Pneumatic mast+tripod & guys	1,750.00
19/07/23	APC Workwear Garments Gill	28.99
04/08/23	William Bourne, Pneumatic mast+tripod Stability weights	251.00
04/08/23	Martin Lynch, DMR Radios	5,556.98
09/08/23	Website Fee	14.40
16/08/23	Amphenol Procom - Cavity Duplexer's	574.08
21/08/23	Thomann GMBH - Repeater Protection Cases x2	560.42
22/08/23	Ron G4SNU fuel Woodspring Wings Event	25.00
25/08/23	Stage Depot Mast fittings/clamps	59.42
10/09/23	Website fee	11.99
10/10/23	Website fee	11.99
09/11/23	Website Fee + extra for underpayments to website	19.22
09/12/23	Website fee	14.40
13/12/23	Domain 2 Year Renewal.	28.78
05/01/24	Group registration 14 members @ £7.20 = £100.80	100.80
09/01/24	Website fee	14.40
10/01/24	RAYNET-UK, 1 member registration + postage	9.20
29/01/24	RAYNET-UK, 3 members registrations + postage	27.60
29/01/24	APC Workwear Sweaters plus Hats	604.26
09/02/24	Website fee	14.40
13/02/24	RAYNET-UK, 5 group members ID cards postage	10.00
07/03/24	Bristol Civil Service Club Room Hire for Group AGM	258.00
11/03/24	Website fee	14.40
		+
	Total Expenses	14,337.62

Excess of income over expenditure

Income	10,264.80
Expenditure	14,337.62 -

Excess	-4,072.82
Balance brought forward	7,872.31 +

Balance	3,799.49

Represented by	
Bank Acc	3,799.49

Balance	As at the 5th of April 2024
	<u>3,799.49</u>

Breakdown of Expenses Per Event

26/03/23	The Big Cheese	
20/04/23	G8OQG Fuel	20.00
	Total expenses	20.00
20/04/23	Donation from Cheddar Running Club	300.00
	Surplus	280.00

10/06/23	Mendip Murmuration	
	Total Expenses	
03/07/23	Donation from Channel Events	300.00
	Surplus	300.00

11/06/23	Cheddar Gorge Challenge	
04/07/23	G8OQG fuel for TOTG	26.00
04/07/23	G4SNU fuel for TOTG	33.00
06/07/23	2E0IOC fuel for TOTG	28.00
06/07/23	M3XIR fuel for TOTG	38.00
	Total expenses	125.00
05/07/23	Donation from Relish Running	250.00
	Surplus	125.00

08/07/23	Woodspring Wings Event	
21/08/23	Ron G4SNU Fuel	25.00
	Total expenses	25.00
02/08/23	Donation from Woodspring Wings	100.00
	Surplus	75.00

09/07/23	Parkinsons Walk for Life	
	Total expenses	0.00
26/07/23	Donation from Parkinsons	150.00
	Surplus	150.00

16/09/23	Relish Running - Gorge Event	
16/10/23	Donation from Relish Running	195.00

17/03/24	The Big Cheese	
02/04/24	Donation from Cheddar Running Club	300.00

	Total Event Donations	1,595.00
	Total Event Expenses	170.00
	Difference	1,425.00

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This event is a mountain bike race covering 35 miles of the Mendip Hills AONB, our services are used to provide resilient and reliable radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain to ensure rider safety.

Relish Running Races – Cheddar Gorge Challenge 12th June 2022.
This event is a series of cross-country running races over the Mendip Hills AONB covering various distances up to and including a half marathon. Our services are again required to provide resilient and reliable event and safety radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain.

Woodspring Wings – International Model Air Show 9th & 10th July 2022.
This event takes place between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare and is one of the largest model air shows in Europe. Our role here was to control the radio network and to run the control room to ensure clear lines of communications were maintained at all times.

Relish Running Races – Cheddar 10k Road Race 17th September 2022.
This event is a closed road sponsored ran through the stunning Cheddar Gorge where our services are again required to provide resilient and reliable event and safety radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain.

Parkinsons Walk for Life – 30th October 2022.
This event is held around the Ashton Court Estate and comprises of a 1.5-mile and a 5-mile leisurely family walk around the estate to raise monies for Parkinsons. The Groups involvement is to assist with event and safety communications via radio communications.

Cheddar Running Clubs Annual Big Cheese 26th March 2023.
This event is a sponsored run raising money for the Air Ambulance Service which takes place along the Mendip Way around Cheddar Gorge, our services are used to provide resilient and reliable radio communications due to mobile phones not working over the terrain to ensure runners safety.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy on grantmaking;
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- contribution made by volunteers.

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The Group use donations received to acquire new equipment to assist in the provision of resilient and reliable communications for situations when other forms of communications fail.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group have attended several events this year including a live callout providing event and safety communications for events that would otherwise not be possible to run due to the lack of reliable communication routes. The organisations we have worked with have all expressed their thanks for the professional service we provide both on the event and with the assistance of their planning. The Group are very experienced in setting up and running communications facilities over challenging terrain and many of our members are long serving. We have worked with several of the organisations listed above for many years now through several staff changes and our experience is always valued and appreciated when planning the events.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank as of 5th April 2023 was £----.-- in unrestricted funds. These funds are sufficient to cover the Groups registration renewal fees to the National Organisation in January 2024 of approximately £200 and to pursue investment in digital repeaters and radio equipment along with sourcing additional sources of power such as Lithium-ion batteries and portable generators. No other outlays are expected at this time. No specific fund reserves are set at this time as no additional expenditure is expected.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group's only income is from donations received, it makes no charge for the services it provides to the organisations or communities it supports. The Group applied for a Grant from the Local Resilience Forum for the purchase of digital repeater and radio equipment and this application is ongoing pending review.

Section F

Other optional information

Future Plans.

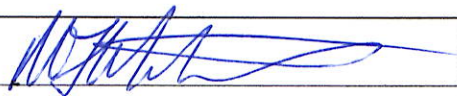
The Group are looking to be able to purchase digital radios and repeaters to broaden the areas we are able to cover when providing additional communications support and to have more secure communications options. Alongside this additional power sources are being investigated in the form of Lithium-ion batteries and generators to become more resilient when operating away from mains power or in the event of a local or more regionalised power outage.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Whitehead	Gill Whitehead
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Deputy Chair
Date	5 th July 2023	

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INCOME

08-Apr-22	Parkinsons Donation for two years	300.00	
09-May-22	Amazon Europe Core Donation	9.45	
30-Jun-22	Relish Running Donation for Cheddar Gorge Challenge	350.00	
19-Jul-22	Channel Events Donation for Mendip Murmuration	250.00	
20-Jul-22	Woodspring Wings Donation	100.00	
16-Aug-22	Amazon Europe Core Donation	10.35	
15-Nov-22	Amazon Europe Core Donation	7.23	
31-Jan-23	Amazon Europe Core Donation	17.14	+
08-Feb-23	Relish the Gorge Donation	195.00	

Total Income		1239.17	

EXPENSES

09-Apr-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
07-May-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
16-May-22	A3 Paper & Ink Cartridges (Mike)	95.28	
08-Jun-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
27-Jun-22	Cheddar Gorge Challenge Expenses	266.00	
08-Jul-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
31-Jul-22	Website (Gill) Domain Renewal	14.39	
08-Aug-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
15-Aug-22	Ron G4SNU Woodspring Wings Expenses	20.00	
09-Sep-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
23-Sep-22	Pete G8OQG fuel for Relish Cheddar Gorge Race	12.00	
10-Oct-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
24-Oct-22	RAYNET-UK Registration fee	1.60	
09-Nov-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
09-Dec-22	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
21-Dec-22	Group registration 18 members @ £7.20 = £129.60	129.60	
21-Dec-22	AGM room hire. Civil Services Club Filton	360.00	
08-Jan-23	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
06-Feb-23	Post and packing for new ID cards (Gill)	10.00	
09-Feb-23	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
09-Mar-23	Website fee (Gill)	11.99	
21-Mar-23	Memory Map Maps Mike M0DXV	149.98	

Total Expenses		1202.73	

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Excess of income over expenditure

Income	1239.17	
Expenditure	1202.73	-

Excess	36.44	
Last years balance	7835.87	+

Balance	7872.31	

Represented by		
Bank Acc	7872.31	

Balance	As at the 5th of April 2023	7872.31

Breakdown of Expenses Per Event

08/04/22	Parkinsons Donation for 2 Years	300.00

11/06/22	<u>Mendip Murmuration</u>	

Total Expenses		0.00
19/07/22	Donation from Channel Events	250.00

Surplus		250.00

11/06/22	<u>Cheddar Gorge Challenge</u>	

27/06/22	Mike M0DXV TotG & Enginnering	53.00
27/06/22	Pete G8OQG TotG & Enginnering	46.00
27/06/22	Maurice M0MEI TotG	55.00
27/06/22	Ron G4SNU TotG	38.00
27/06/22	Ron G4SNU TotG & Enginnering	33.00
27/06/22	Ian G\$TAH TotG & Enginnering	26.00
27/06/22	Ron G4SNU Big Cheese	15.00
Total expenses		266.00
08/02/22	Donation from Relish Running	350.00

Surplus		84.00

15/08/22	Ron G4SNU Woodspring Wings Event	20.00
Total expenses		20.00
20/07/22	Donation from Woodspring Wings	100.00

Surplus		80.00

17/09/22	Relish Cheddar Gorge Race	
23/09/22	Pete G8OQG Fuel	12.00
08/02/23	Donation from Relish Running	195.00

Surplus		183.00

Total Event Expenses		298.00
Total Event Donations		1195.00

Surplus		897.00

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2021		05	04	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group
Other names charity is known by	n/a
Registered charity number (if any)	1182470
Charity's principal address	29 Coulsons Road
	Whitchurch
	Bristol
Postcode	BS14 0NN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mike Whitehead	Chair		
2	Gill Whitehead	Deputy Chair		
3	Alan Williams	Treasurer		
4	Ron Hardie	Trustee		
5	Martin Odam	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
n/a	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
n/a		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When discussing the events, the group have been requested to assist with, the Trustees ensure that the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit is kept in mind.

Unfortunately, 2022 started with Covid-19 still very much on people's minds. One thing that was definitely not being considered was the weather issues in February which caused the Avon & Somerset LRF to activate the group with a view to assisting with communications support. The initial telephone call from the LRF Deputy Lead at 15.00 Thursday resulted links being set up between A&S Police HQ in Portishead and Bristol CC main control room in Temple Meads. This link was manned by members of the group from Friday 05.00 until 15.00 when the worst of the storms were considered as past and we were stood down.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Cash at bank as of 5th April 2022 was £7835.87 in unrestricted funds. These funds are sufficient to cover the Groups registration renewal fees to the National Organisation in January 2023 of approximately £180 and to pursue investment in updating our repeater and radios. No other outlays are expected at this time. No specific fund reserves are set at this time as no expenditure is expected.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group's only income is from donations received, it makes no charge for the services it provides to the organisations or communities it supports. The Group received donations during 2020 which have yet to be allocated to any specific projects however it is expected they will be used to modernise the groups radio system. Without this support Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group would be very limited as to the level of support it would be able to provide.

Section F Other optional information

Future Plans.

Having received a large donation, the Group will be looking to purchase a DMR Repeater to broaden the areas we are able to cover when providing additional communications support.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Whitehead	Gill Whitehead
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Deputy Chair
Date	12 th February 2023	

Accounts 06 April 2021 to 05 April 2022

INCOME

24-May-21	Amazon Europe Core Donation	16.91	
16-Jun-21	Relish Running Donation for Cheddar Gorge Challenge	250.00	
23-Jun-21	Channel Events Donation for Mendip Murmuration	250.00	
29-Jun-21	PayPal credit	15.00	
08-Jul-21	Weston Hospice Care Donation for Mendip Challenge	250.00	
29-Jul-21	Mobile cheque donation	2.50	
17-Aug-21	Amazon Europe Core Donation	18.10	
13-Dec-21	Amazon Europe Core Donation	12.82	+
23-Feb-22	Amazon Europe Core Donation	7.65	
25-Mar-22	Cheddar Running Club Donation for Big Cheese	300.00	
04-Apr-22	Mobile cheque donation	38.49	

	Total Income	1161.47	

EXPENSES

12-Apr-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
23-Apr-21	Sanitizer gel (Mike). Cheque no 000128	23.70	
27-Apr-21	Cheque 000129 sent to N.W.Hampshire RAYNET Gr	2000.00	
09-May-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
09-Jun-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
16-Jun-21	G8OQG fuel for Tests, Mendip Challenge & Gorge & N	33.50	
09-Jul-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
09-Aug-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
10-Sep-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
30-Sep-21	GB3FI Repeater donation	250.00	
09-Oct-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
11-Nov-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
09-Dec-21	Website (Gill)	11.99	
09-Jan-22	Website (Gill)	11.99	
10-Jan-22	Group registration 17 members @ £7.20 = £122.40	122.40	
09-Feb-22	Website (Gill)	11.99	
18-Feb-22	G4SNU fuel for Storm Eunice call-out to Portishead	11.99	
09-Mar-22	Website (Gill)	11.99	
25-Mar-22	G8OQG fuel for Tests, Big Cheese	20.27	+

	Total Expenses	2605.74	

Excess of income over expenditure

Income	1161.47	
Expenditure	2605.74	-

Excess	-1444.27	
Last years balance	9280.14	+

Balance	7835.87	

Represented by		

Bank Acc	7835.87	

Balance	7835.87	

Breakdown of Expenses Per Event

Mendip Challenge	
G8OQG Fuel	7.69
Total Expenses	7.69
Donation from Weston Hospice Care	250.00
Surplus	<u>242.31</u>
Mendip Murmuration	
G8OQG Fuel	7.69
Total Expenses	7.69
Donation from Channel Events	250.00
Surplus	<u>242.31</u>
Cheddar Gorge Challenge	
G8OQG Fuel	7.69
Total expenses	7.69
Donation from Relish Running	250.00
Surplus	<u>242.31</u>
The Big Cheese	
G8OQG Fuel	10.19
Total expenses	10.19
Donation from Cheddar Running Club	300.00
Surplus	<u>289.81</u>
Total Event Expenses	33.26
Total Event Donations	1050.00
Difference	<u>1016.74</u>

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2020	To	Day 05	Month 04	Year 2021

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group

Other names charity is known by

n/a

Registered charity number (if any)

1182470

Charity's principal address

29 Coulsons Road

Whitchurch

Bristol

Postcode

BS14 0NN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

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When discussing the events the group have been requested to assist with the Trustees ensure that the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit is kept in mind.

As a direct result of the Covid-19 Pandemic the events normally assisted with by the Group were cancelled and as such no assistance was provided during this reporting period. The Group however continued to maintain a readiness footing should we have been called upon by either a Local Authority or one of the Category 1 or 2 services.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Pandemic caused the cancellation of all of the events we would normally be assisting with and as such the Group have maintained a readiness state for this period.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Group were fortunate to receive donations from a benefactor and as such as of 5th April 2021 our cash at bank stands at £9280.14 in unrestricted funds.

These funds will cover the registrations fees to the National Organisation and no further expenditure is set at this time until the Covid-19 situation settles.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None.

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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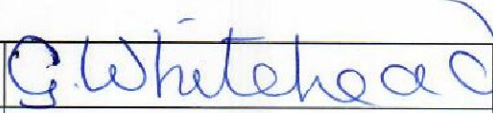
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Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Whitehead	Gill Whitehead
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Deputy Chair
Date	4 th February 2022	

Accounts 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021

INCOME

21-May-20	Amazon Europe Core Donation	7.00
13-Aug-20	Amazon Europe Core Donation	9.49
16-Nov-20	Amazon Europe Core Donation	16.99
23-Dec-20	Charitable Giving	4000.00
29-Jan-21	Charitable Giving	4000.00
03-Feb-21	PayPal credit	0.01
11-Feb-21	Amazon Europe Core. Donation	22.41
30-Mar-21	Charitable Giving	4000.00 +
Total Income		12055.90

EXPENSES

09-Apr-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-May-19	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-Jun-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
10-Jul-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
08-Aug-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
13-Aug-20	New member registration	3.60
09-Sep-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-Oct-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-Nov-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-Dec-20	Website (Gill)	11.99
14-Dec-20	Group registration 14 members @ £7.20 = £10	100.80
29-Dec-20	Group registration 3 members @ £7.20 = £21.6	21.60
09-Jan-21	Website (Gill)	11.99
21-Jan-21	Donation to N.W.Hants RAYNET Group	2000.00
25-Jan-21	Post and packing for new membership cards. (	28.90
05-Feb-21	Donation to N.W.Hants RAYNET Group	2000.00
09-Feb-21	Website (Gill)	11.99
09-Mar-21	Website (Gill)	11.99 +
Total Expenses		4298.78

Breakdown of Expenses Per Event

Mendip Challenge

Event cancelled due to Covid-19

Total Expenses	0.00
Donation from Weston Hospicecare	0.00
Surplus	0.00

Mendip Murmuration & Cheddar Challenge

Event cancelled due to Covid-19

Total Expenses	0.00
Donation from Mendip Murmuration	0.00
Donation from Relish Running Cheddar Ch	0.00
Surplus	0.00

Big Cheese Challenge

Event cancelled due to Covid-19

Total expenses	0.00
Donation from Cheddar Running Club	0.00
Surplus	0.00

Parkinsons Walk for Life Ashton Court

Event cancelled due to Covid-19

Total expenses	0.00
Donation from Cheddar Running Club	0.00
Surplus	0.00

Total Event Expenses	0.00
Total Event Donations	0.00
Difference	0.00

Excess of income over expenditure

Income	12055.90
Expenditure	4298.78 -
Excess	7757.12
Last years balance	1523.02 +
Balance	9280.14
Represented by	
Bank Acc	9280.14
Balance	9280.14