



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	06	04	2022		05	04	2023

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		
6	Lance Jordan	Trustee		
7	Alan Ottaway	Trustee		
8	Gary Belcher	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

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group Articles of Association adopted 21 st December 2020.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group Constitution adopted 14 th March 2019. Unincorporated Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are elected or re-elected for a 3 year term at the Annual General Meeting held in July by the Group's membership.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of the group is open to all those aged 14 and above. For ages 14 to 18 written parental or guardian permission is required. The day to day running of the Group is carried out by the trustees with financial decisions being taken by a simple majority vote.

The Group work directly with the Local Government Authorities of Somerset County Council, North Somerset Council & Bristol City & County Council as well as Category 1 & 2 services providing additional communications support and is an affiliate member of the National organisation RAYNET-UK.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

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.

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.

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

Channel Events – Mendip Murmuration 11th June 2022.
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)

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

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

Our members are all volunteers and provide their time, equipment, and expertise as licensed radio amateurs freely for the benefit of our local communities and the organisations supporting them.

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)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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.

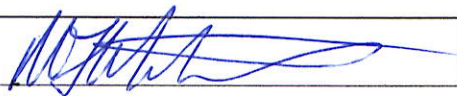
The Group are looking to be able to purchase digital radios and repeaters to broaden the areas we are able to cover when providing additional communications support and to have more secure communications options. Alongside this additional power sources are being investigated in the form of Lithium-ion 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	

Accounts 06 April 2022 to 05 April 2023

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	

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 & Engineering	53.00	
27/06/22	Pete G8OQG TotG & Engineering	46.00	
27/06/22	Maurice M0MEI TotG	55.00	
27/06/22	Ron G4SNU TotG	38.00	
27/06/22	Ron G4SNU TotG & Engineering	33.00	
27/06/22	Ian G\$TAH TotG & Engineering	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	

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

Bristol & Somerset RAYNET Group is a Charity registered in England and Wales (1182470). Registered Office: 29 Coulsons Road, Bristol BS14 0NN.

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