



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 06	Month 04	Year 2023		Day 05	Month 04	Year 2024

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.
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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.

Parkinsons Walk for Life – 9th July 2023.

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.

Channel Events – Mendip Murmuration 10th June 2023.

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 11th June 2023.

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 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.

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

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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.

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.

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 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.

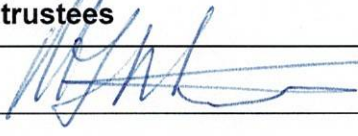
The Group are looking to be able to purchase off grid power sources such as generators & Lithium-Ion batteries to extend the operating time of our digital radios and repeaters and to become more resilient when operating away from mains power or in the event of a local or more regionalised power outage.

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	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
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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
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	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
	3,799.49

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