

RIDE MENDIPS

England & Wales · Charity number 1188609

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT ON THE MENDIP HILLS AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTHY RECREATION AND TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE. THE ABOVE OBJECTS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY:- 1. THE PROTECTION OF EXISTING & DEVELOPMENT OF NEW, CYCLING FACILITIES, TRAILS, ROUTES & RIGHTS OF WAY; AND 2. THE PROMOTION OF RESPONSIBLE CYCLING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION & A CODE OF CONDUCT. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005 AND SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERNIRELAND) 2008.

Activities: - Protect existing and pursue the opening of new rights of way for off road cyclists.- Construct and maintain sustainable cycling facilities & trails to a high standard.- Act as an information and communication point for local off road cyclists.- Promote a code of conduct among the off road cycling community.- Promote the importance of off road cycling to other user groups & organisations.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Somerset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£819	£6,648	-	-
2023-12-31	£218	£1,807	-	-
2022-12-31	£6,426	£34,137	-	-
2021-12-31	£35,343	£1,115	-	-
2020-12-31	£2,918	£908	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew James Drane		2025-01-23
Heath Pimm		2024-01-15
Howard Swanwick		2025-01-23
Mark James Sheffield		2024-01-15
Samuel Aaron Lees		2021-07-20

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for 2024

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To	31/12/2024

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3. Objectives & Activities

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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Protect existing and pursue the opening of new rights of way for off road cyclists. Construct and maintain sustainable cycling facilities & trails to a high standard. Act as an information and communication point for local off road cyclists. Promote a code of conduct among the off road cycling community. Promote the importance of off road cycling to other user groups and organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance	The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all relevant times.

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4. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	In 2024 Ride Mendips ran a number of volunteer dig sessions between February and August. During this time, we maintained and improved a range of mountain bike trails in Rowberrow Warren and installed a storage facility to support future dig sessions. At the time of writing discussions with Forestry England in relation to the renewal of a contract which enables the charity's activities are ongoing.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. All dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

5. Structure, Governance & Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Additional Eligibility Checks: (1) Register of persons removed as trustees of a charity. (2) Register of disqualified directors.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	In addition to the Trustees, Ride Mendips has a network of contributors who are consulted regarding the activities of the charity. These contributors include beneficiaries of Ride Mendips activities such as local cycling groups and representatives from charities with similar objectives.

1. Trustees

Trustee Name	Position
Howard Swanwick	Chairman
Samuel Aaron Lees	Treasurer
Andrew James Drane	Trustee
Mark James Sheffield	Trustee
Heath Pimm	Trustee

6. Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	During 2024 Ride Mendips generated £725 through donations and fundraising. Reserves remain sufficient to support ongoing activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Both income and expenditures in relation to ongoing activities are minimal with objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers. Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures the availability of sundry items to support trail building, associated signage and maintenance of a storage facility
Amount of reserves held	£5,784
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

7. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

8. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	Howard Swanwick
Full name(s)	Howard Swanwick
Position	Chairman
Date	15/10/2025



Ride Mendips CIO

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds (1)	Total Funds	Prior Period
Receipts:				
Grants Recieved			0	0
Donations & Fundraising	725		725	120
Interest recieved	94		94	99
Total Receipts	819	0	819	218
Payments:				
Donations	1000	0	1,000	0
Professional Fees - Planning	0	375	375	792
Equipment and materials	1,078	0	1,078	-441
Storage	0	4,285	4,285	935
Advertising and promotions	413		413	289
General And Administration	316	0	316	231
Total Payments	1,807	4,660	7,467	1,807
Net Of Receipts & Payments	-988	-4,660	-6,648	-1,588
Cash Funds From Prior Year	7,849	4,583	12,432	14,020
Transfer To Unrestricted Funds (1)	-77	77	0	0
Cash Funds at 31st Dec 2024	6,784	0	5,784	12,432

Notes to the accounts

- (1) Restricted funds have now been used to purchase and install a storage building for charity equipment.

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1. Reporting Period

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Charity name	Ride Mendips
Registered charity number	1188609
Charity's principal address	Meadow View, Round Oak Road, Cheddar. BS27 3BN

3. Objectives & Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit on the Mendip Hills and the surrounding areas, to promote community participation in healthy recreation and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Protect existing and pursue the opening of new rights of way for off road cyclists. Construct and maintain sustainable cycling facilities & trails to a high standard. Act as an information and communication point for local off road cyclists. Promote a code of conduct among the off road cycling community. Promote the importance of off road cycling to other user groups and organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all relevant times.

4. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	In 2023 Ride Mendips ran a series of approximately 10-12 volunteer dig sessions between February & August. During this time we made extensive improvements to a range of mountain bike trails in Rowberrow Warren.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. All dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

5. Structure, Governance & Management

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	In addition to the Trustees Ride Mendips has a committee of members who are consulted with regards the activities of the charity. The committee is made up of volunteers supporting delivery of the charity's objectives, beneficiaries of Ride Mendips activities such as local cycling groups and representatives from charities with similar objectives including British Cycling.

6. Trustee Committee Members

Trustee Name	Position
Grant Stephen Garge	Chairman

Samuel Aaron Lees	Treasurer
Matthew John Latham	Secretary
Jonathan Howkins	Trustee
Colin Michael Baker	Trustee
Stuart Aron Beauchemin	Trustee
Matthew James Coxhead	Trustee

7. Non Trustee Committee Members

Advisor Name	Position
Adam Clutterbuck	Committee Member
Andy Drane	Committee Member
Colin Baker	Committee Member
Dave Parke	Committee Member
Dave Wyatt	Committee Member
Howard Swanick	Committee Member
Jon Howkins	Committee Member
Iain Perham	Committee Member
Kit Merryfield	Committee Member
Matt Latham	Committee Member
Mike Littler	Committee Member
Paul Mackie	Committee Member
Rich Loveridge	Committee Member
Robin Grant	Committee Member

8. Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Ride Mendips Received £120 in donations in 2023.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Both income and expenditures in relation to other activities are minimal with objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers. Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures

	the availability of sundry items to support trail building and associated signage.
Amount of reserves held	£12,432
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

9. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

10. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	Grant Garge
Full name(s)	Grant Garge
Position	Chairman
Date	22/07/2024

Ride Mendips CIO

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds (1)	Total Funds	Prior Period
Receipts:				
Grants Recieved			0	3,440
Donations & Fundraising	120		120	2,979
Interest recieved	99		99	7
Total Receipts	218	0	218	6,426
Payments:				
Construction of pump track			0	25004
Professional Fees - Planning	0	792	792	882
Equipment and materials	-441		-441	3,636
Maintenance & Repairs			0	1,273
Storage		935	935	969
Advertising and promotions	289		289	1,701
Events			0	414
General And Administration	231		231	258
Total Payments	80	1,727	1,807	34,137
Net Of Receipts & Payments	139	-1,727	-1,588	-27,711
Cash Funds From Prior Year	7,710	6,310	14,020	41,731
Transfer To Unrestricted Funds (1)	0	0	0	0
Cash Funds at 31st Dec 2023	7,849	4,583	12,432	14,020

Notes to the accounts

- (1) Restricted funds are related to the construction of a Pump Track in the village of Cheddar which is now completed. The remaining balance will, by agreement with a major donor, be used to purchase a storage building for charity equipment.

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4. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	In 2022 Ride Mendips continued to focus on two main projects for the benefit of the local community: Rowberrow Warren Bike Trails: In 2022 Ride Mendips ran a series of approximately 10-12 volunteer dig sessions between February & August. During this time we made extensive improvements to a range of mountain bike trails in Rowberrow Warren. However, we focused on improvements to Pig Pen, Happy Valley and the lower part of Yee Haw. At the end of the dig season the trails were in the best condition that they had been since the inception of Ride Mendips. Cheddar Pump Track: In January 2022 Velosolutions were commissioned to begin the build of Cheddar pump track. The track build was completed in March and Ride Mendips ran a launch event in April. The event attracted a wide range of both locals and visitors. The pump track has been a fantastic success and is used regularly by a wide range of people of all ages. However, the track is most popular with younger riders & skaters. The track is now owned and maintained by Cheddar Parish Council. Having successfully driven the Cheddar Pump Track Project to completion, Ride Mendips have now returned focus to trail building and maintenance in Rowberrow Warren.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. All dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

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Colin Michael Baker	Trustee
Stuart Aron Beauchemin	Trustee
Matthew James Coxhead	Trustee

7. Non Trustee Committee Members

Advisor Name	Position
Adam Clutterbuck	Communications Officer

8. Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Ride Mendips received a number of funding grants in 2021 to support the Cheddar Pump Track Project. Some of these were paid upfront and held in reserves whilst others were held until the commencement of the project due in early 2022.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The majority of funds raised by Ride Mendips are restricted in relation to the Cheddar Pump Track. Both income and expenditures in relation to other activities are minimal with objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers.

	Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures the availability of sundry items to support trail building and associated signage.
Amount of reserves held	£14,020
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

9. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

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Signature(s)	Grant Garge
Full name(s)	Grant Garge
Position	Chairman
Date	21/09/2023

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Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Year Ending 31st December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds (1)	Total Funds	Prior Period
Receipts:				
Grants Recieved		3,440	3,440	32,500
Donations & Fundraising	2,979		2,979	2,841
Interest recieved	7		7	2
Total Receipts	2,986	3,440	6,426	35,343
Payments:				
Construction of pump track		25004	25,004	0
Professional Fees - Planning		882	882	0
Professional Fees - Subscriptions			0	0
Equipment and materials	2,335	1,302	3,636	0
Maintenance & Repairs		1,273	1,273	0
Storage		969	969	0
Advertising and promotions		1,701	1,701	250
Events		414	414	0
Signage			0	166
General And Administration	258		258	304
Training			0	390
Bank Charges			0	5
Total Payments	2,593	31,544	34,137	1,115
Net Of Receipts & Payments	393	-28,104	-27,711	34,228
Cash Funds From Prior Year	7,317	34,414	41,731	7,503
Cash Funds at 31st Dec 2022	7,710	6,310	14,020	41,731

Notes to the accounts

- 1) Restricted funds are in relation to the construction of a Pump Track within the village of Cheddar

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Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. All dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The majority of funds raised by Ride Mendips are restricted in relation to the Cheddar Pump Track. Both income and expenditures in relation to other activities are minimal with

	objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers. Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures the availability of sundry items to support trail building and associated signage.
Amount of reserves held	£41,731
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

9. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

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10. Declarations

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	Grant Garge
Full name(s)	Grant Garge
Position	Chairman
Date	20/10/2022

	Ride Mendips			1188609	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts				
	For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
		1-1-21		31/12/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Sedgemoor district council	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
Donations	1,341	-	-	1,341	417
Interest Recieved	2	-	-	2	1
Petruth Paddocks	1,500	-	-	1,500	-
National Grid	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
Hinkley Point	-	10,000	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,843	32,500	-	35,343	2,918
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,843	32,500	-	35,343	2,918
A3 Payments					
Professional Fees - Planning	-	-	-	-	487
Professional Fees - Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	99
Advertising and promotions	250	-	-	250	260
Signage	166	-	-	166	62
General & Administration Expenses	304	-	-	304	-
Training	390	-	-	390	-
Bank Charges	5	-	-	5	-
	0	-	-	0	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,115	-	-	1,115	908
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,115	-	-	1,115	908
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,728	32,500	-	34,228	2,010
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,589	1,914	-	7,503	5,493
Cash funds this year end	7,317	34,414	-	41,731	7,503

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank Account	6,699	34,414	-
	PayPal Account	618	-	-
		-	-	-
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	Total cash funds	7,317	34,414	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ride Mendips CIO

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ride Mendips CIO for the year ended 31st December 2021.

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 the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the directions, guidance & checklist published given by the Charity Commission

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.

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.

Signed: 

Name: CHRIS CART.

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): N/A

Address: 96 LANYTHORNW. CLOSE
BS36 2JH.

Accounts

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for 2020

1. Reporting Period

From	18/03/2020
To	31/12/2020

2. Reference & Administrative Details

Charity name	Ride Mendips
Registered charity number	1188609
Charity's principal address	Meadow View, Round Oak Road, Cheddar. BS27 3BN

3. Objectives & Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity as set out in its governing document	The objects of the CIO are for the public benefit on the Mendip Hills and the surrounding areas, to promote community participation in healthy recreation and to provide or assist in the provision of facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Protect existing and pursue the opening of new rights of way for off road cyclists. Construct and maintain sustainable cycling facilities & trails to a high standard. Act as an information and communication point for local off road cyclists. Promote a code of conduct among the off road cycling community. Promote the importance of off road cycling to other user groups and organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at all relevant times.

4. Achievements & Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	In 2020 Ride Mendips focussed on two main projects for the benefit of the local community: Rowberrow Warren Bike Trails: 2020 was a challenging year for Ride Mendips due to the onset of COVID lockdown restrictions. Ride Mendips overcame significant challenges to ensure the continued availability of cycling trails within Rowberrow Warren. Many of our plans for trail improvements at Rowberrow Warren were delayed as volunteer dig sessions had to be cancelled. This was further hampered by tree felling works that damaged a number of trails. Despite these challenges a number of improvements were made including enhanced speed control features to ensure the safe use of trails and protection of other forest users, trail enhancements aimed at increasing the attractiveness to users of official trails thus reducing incentives for the unauthorised construction of alternative trails and progress towards the repair of trails for reopening 2021. Cheddar Pump Track: We made significant progress towards the building of a pump track for the residents of Cheddar and surrounding villages. We had plans drawn up and gained planning permission. We secured grants from the National Grid Community Fund, the British Cycling Places to Ride Fund, the Hinkley Point C Community Impact Fund, the Thatchers Foundation, Sedgemoor District Council and materials in kind from Hanson Aggregates. Unfortunately, delays to the project have occurred in 2021 due to unforeseen issues with a covenant on the land held by Bristol Water. This has required the repositioning of the track and therefore new planning approvals. We aim to realise the project in early 2022. Following the completion of the track we plan to run coaching sessions for young people as part of the British Cycling Go Ride scheme.
Contribution made by volunteers.	Volunteers make a significant contribution to the achievement of Ride Mendips objectives. All dig sessions are led by Ride Mendips committee members but are mostly made up of volunteers who want to assist with the building and maintenance of trails.

5. Structure, Governance & Management

Type of governing document	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Foundation CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO. Additional Eligibility Checks: (1) Register of persons removed as trustees of a charity. (2) Register of disqualified directors.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	In addition to the Trustees Ride Mendips has a committee of members who are consulted with regards the activities of the charity. The committee is made up of volunteers supporting delivery of the charity's objectives, beneficiaries of Ride Mendips activities such as local cycling groups and representatives from charities with similar objectives including British Cycling.

6. Trustee Committee Members

Trustee Name	Position
Grant Stephen Garge	Chairman
Matthew James Coxhead	Treasurer
Matthew John Latham	Secretary

7. Non Trustee Committee Members

Advisor Name	Position
Adam Clutterbuck	Communications Officer
Colin Baker	Brand Design Officer
Jon Howkins	Trail Maintenance Officer
Kerry Teagle	Welfare Officer
Mark Smith	Cheddar Shredderz Club Coach
Sam Lees	Finance Officer
Stuart Beauchemin	Trail Inspection Officer

8. Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Ride Mendips received a funding grant for £2,500 from Sedgemoor District Council towards the Pump Track Project. Some of these were used to pay for a planning application.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The majority of funds raised by Ride Mendips are restricted in relation to the Cheddar Pump Track. Both income and expenditures in relation to other activities are minimal with objectives achieved primarily through the support of volunteers. Reserves are therefore held at a level that ensures the availability of sundry items to support trail building and associated signage.
Amount of reserves held	£7,503
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Not applicable.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Not applicable.

9. Funds Held As Custodian Trustees On Behalf Of Others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable.
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable.
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable.

10. Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Grant Garge
Full name(s)	Grant Garge
Position	Chairman
Date	20/10/2021

Ride Mendips CIO

Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Period 18th March 2020 - 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Receipts:			
Sedgemoor District Council		2,500	2,500
Donations	417		417
Interest recieved	1		1
Total Receipts	418	2,500	2,918
Payments:			
Professional fees - planning		487	487
Professional fees - subscriptions		99	99
Advertising and promotions	260		260
Signage	62		62
Total Payments	322	586	908
Net of receipts & payments	96	1,914	2,010
Cash funds from prior year	5,493	0	5,493
Cash funds at 31st Dec 2020	5,589	1,914	7,503

Notes to the accounts

- 1) Ride Mendips was registered as a CIO on 18th March 2020 having previously operated as an unregistered charity with income of less than £5,000 pa. Cash funds from the prior year are the amounts held by the unregistered charity prior to registration as a CIO
- 2) Restricted funds are in relation to planned construction of a Pump Track within the village of Cheddar