

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