

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT for 2022

1. Reporting Period

From	01/01/2022
To	31/12/2022

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 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.

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	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

any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	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
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	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

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	21/09/2023

Ride Mendips CIO

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