

ENERGY SPARKS

England & Wales · Charity number 1189273

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING TOOLS, SERVICES AND PROGRAMMES TO REDUCE ENERGY AND RESOURCE CONSUMPTION AND CARBON EMISSIONS.(B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY EDUCATING AND INFORMING THE PUBLIC, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY YOUNG PEOPLE ABOUT THE CAUSES AND IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY SAVING AND REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS.

Activities: Energy Sparks offers an online energy analysis tool and energy education programme specifically designed to help schools reduce their electricity and gas usage through the analysis of half hourly smart meter data. Energy Sparks provides advice and activities to support pupils and the wider school community to reduce their school's carbon footprint.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£552,300	£575,071	£195,217	10
2024-08-31	£562,059	£500,964	£217,988	9
2023-08-31	£464,967	£499,338	-	-
2022-08-31	£422,060	£290,321	-	-
2021-08-31	£221,274	£161,748	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Helen Elizabeth Burge	Chair	2025-05-19
Andrew Clive Houston		2021-12-15
Dr Robert Richard Cohen		2022-03-20
Edward William Moore		2024-05-13
PETER ANDREWS		2020-03-20
Professor Ian Walker		2025-07-22
Timothy Warnes		2020-11-19

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

From 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025

Charity registration number: 1189273

Trustees Annual Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity registration number

1189273

Registered Office

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Trustees

Helen Burge, Chair (appointed 19th May 2025)

Andrew Houston, Treasurer

Peter Andrews

Robert Schrimppff (resigned 3rd April 2025)

Dr Robert Cohen

Sunny Pawar (resigned 13th June 2025)

Naomi Allen

Timothy Warnes

Edward Moore

Prof Ian Walker (appointed 22nd July 2025)

Senior Leadership Team

Dr Claudia Towner, Chief Executive Officer

Leigh Dodds, Chief Technology Officer

Contribution made by volunteers

Energy Sparks is supported by its volunteer trustees who support the charity in a general capacity with technical guidance, personnel management, financial oversight and strategic guidance. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise the successful operation of Energy Sparks would not be possible.

Objectives, Activities and Public Benefit

The trustees are aware of the Charity Commission guidance on Charity and Public Benefit and confirm that they have complied with the duty in Section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to it.

The purposes of the charity, as set out in its governing document are:

- To promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by developing and promoting tools, services and programmes to reduce energy and resource consumption and carbon emissions.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating and informing the public, particularly but not exclusively young people about the causes and impacts of climate change, and the importance of energy saving and reducing carbon emissions.

Energy Sparks' vision is a sustainable future in which the school community is at the heart of measurable action to tackle climate change. We equip children and young people with the knowledge, skills, and tools to take measurable action in their school and wider community to reduce carbon emissions. We enable school leaders, staff and communities to better understand and reduce their school's energy consumption and introduce wider measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

In 2024/2025, Energy Sparks continued to deliver clear public benefit by supporting schools and their communities to understand, monitor, and reduce their energy use and associated carbon emissions. Our school-specific energy management tool, educational resources, training for school staff, and in-school education workshops enable pupils, teachers, site managers and school leaders to take practical steps to reduce energy waste, cut costs, and contribute to national and global efforts to tackle climate change.

Through our publicly accessible dashboards, Energy Sparks democratises access to school energy data, revealing exactly when the school is using energy and supporting staff and pupils to identify easy opportunities to optimise their heating systems, reduce energy bills and take immediate action to make a difference.



One of the main focuses of Energy Sparks is to demonstrate to schools how to reduce their energy consumption without capital investment. Most of the interventions suggested by the Energy Sparks energy management tool are completely free - such as changing boiler settings and switching off

appliances outside of school hours. This means they are accessible to any school regardless of the school budget, size and building infrastructure.

A unique feature of Energy Sparks is the way that pupils are supported to use real-world energy data to inform energy saving and educational activities. Over the last year, pupils at participating schools have recorded thousands of energy related activities - from carrying out spot checks for lights and electrical equipment left on at lunchtime to meeting with caretakers and kitchen staff to discuss their roles in saving energy. For young people, being able to see the difference they can make and knowing that their school is taking the climate emergency seriously is crucial. With schools being at the heart of our communities, the energy-saving life skills staff and students learn in school can often be replicated at home.

Energy Sparks' in-school workshops are designed to further inspire and motivate pupils to take action to reduce their carbon footprint. Pupils learn how to conduct an energy audit and identify energy-consuming equipment around the school. They learn how to analyse heating charts, and explore temperature and heating in their school using a thermal imaging camera.



"The weekly alerts and data access provided by Energy Sparks are excellent for identifying small changes that can lead to significant improvements in our energy efficiency. The activities are fantastic for the children, offering them a real sense of purpose as they conduct surveys and contribute to reducing our energy usage. The platform is user-friendly and accessible to both pupils and staff, making it an invaluable tool in our sustainability efforts. By using Energy Sparks, we've definitely enhanced our sustainability practices and successfully reduced our utility bills!"

Head Teacher at Richard Wakefield CE Primary Academy, Affinity Learning Partnership

Achievements and Performance

In 2024/25, more than 1,100 schools used the Energy Sparks energy management platform, supported by over 4,000 school staff and Multi-Academy Trust platform users and empowered by thousands of pupils taking action for their planet. Together, they delivered 3,149 pupil-led energy-saving activities and 3,983 staff-led interventions, turning energy data insight into real-world change.

The average primary school using Energy Sparks' platform cut its gas use by 13% and electricity use by 7%, saving around £3,000 and 6 tonnes of CO₂.

The average secondary school achieved similar impact, reducing gas use by 13% and electricity use by 6%, saving an impressive £17,000 and 30 tonnes of CO₂.

Across all participating schools, these collective actions added up to an estimated £4.6 million saved and 8,400 tonnes of CO₂ avoided—demonstrating the scale of change that's possible when schools have the tools and confidence to act.

Alongside the impact of our energy management platform, we brought hands-on support directly to schools—delivering 124 in-school workshops, conducting 19 on-site energy audits, and equipping 412 staff with practical skills through 55 live webinar training sessions. Together, these activities helped schools turn knowledge into confident, immediate action.

In June 2025, Energy Sparks was proud to be recognised as a finalist for Product of the Year at the MAT Excellence Awards.

Case studies highlighting examples of our impact

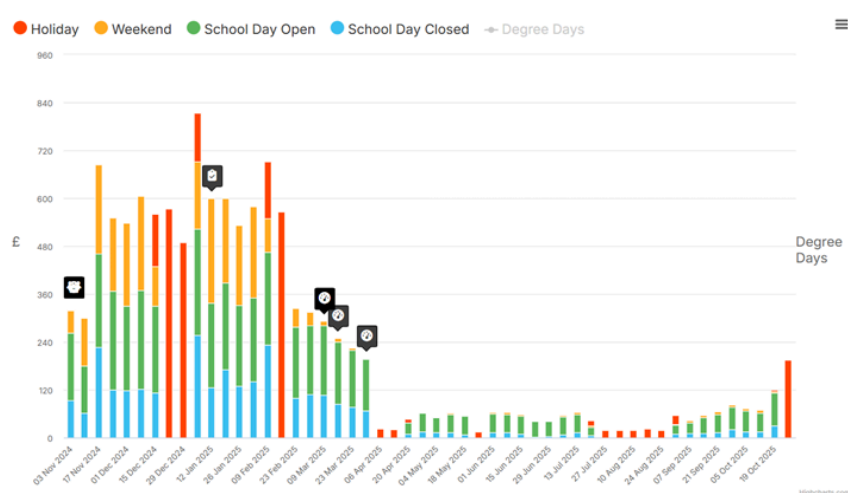
St Nicholas Priory CE VA School

St Nicholas Priory School began using Energy Sparks' energy management platform in the 2024/25 academic year—and quickly uncovered a surprising insight. The data revealed that 76% of their gas use was happening when students weren't even in the building, with weekend consumption particularly high.

Armed with this evidence, the school took swift, targeted action. They switched off the heating at weekends, reduced back heating hours on school days, and lowered the set temperature across the site.

The impact has been remarkable. In just 12 months, St Nicholas Priory cut its gas consumption by 44%, saving £9,800 and preventing 30 tonnes of CO₂ from being emitted.

A clear example of how smart data and simple changes can deliver major results.



"It was surprising to see how much gas was being wasted when the school was not even in use. I found the pie charts very telling, particularly when starting this journey. I had no idea the heating was being left on at weekends."

School Site Manager, St Nicholas Priory CE VA Primary School

Oasis Academy - Enfield

Oasis Academy Enfield had a standout year with Energy Sparks—winning both the 2024/2025 Scoreboard Competition and the Pupil-Led Action Award at Christmas 2024.

The school focused relentlessly on cutting its electricity baseload, achieving an impressive 11% reduction over the year. At the heart of this achievement was the Eco Club, who threw themselves into the challenge: scrutinising Energy Sparks data, identifying opportunities to save energy, and championing change across the school.

Through their determination—and their persuasive communication with staff and fellow students—the Eco Club helped embed a strong, school-wide energy-saving culture, turning analysis into action and effort into award-winning impact.

“The Eco Club has been so helpful in supporting the school, they gave us excellent advice, showing us how to save energy and the impact this has on the environment. Displaying that a small change can have a BIG impact. We are super proud of the team.”

Head of Year 10, Oasis Academy - Enfield

“We are very happy to have won, but it took a significant shift in staff mindset to get here. At the beginning, many staff members were unaware of how much energy they were using and how small actions could lead to big savings. Over the year, we worked hard to raise awareness, reminding colleagues to turn off lights and equipment when not in use. Their growing involvement and support helped us improve our energy performance significantly. This journey created a more positive and environmentally conscious culture among our staff.”

Eco-Champion, Oasis Academy - Enfield

“Thanks to Energy Sparks! My daughter is now always thinking about how to save energy at home. She consistently switches off lights and reminds us how to conserve water. She has become more confident speaking in front of others during the assemblies she helps promote and lead throughout the year. She’s excited to continue with the Eco Club and use Energy Sparks to keep learning and making a difference.”

Parent, Oasis Academy - Enfield

Maryland Primary School

Maryland Primary School joined Energy Sparks in summer 2024—and quickly turned energy saving into a whole-school mission. Pupils led the charge: carrying out regular spot checks to make sure lights and equipment were switched off, helping run an energy-efficiency reward scheme, supporting staff with holiday switch-off routines, and even joining the premises manager on “energy detective” tours to measure temperatures and find open windows during chilly months.

Working alongside the site supervisor, the school’s eco-warriors also used Energy Sparks charts to dig into the data. Their analysis helped the premises manager and senior leadership team rethink how the school was heated. Together, they introduced smarter heating controls by:

- Lowering the heating set point by 2°C
- Adjusting heating timings to match when the school was actually occupied
- Improving frost-protection settings to avoid unnecessary weekend and holiday heating

The results have been impressive. In just 12 months, Maryland Primary cut its gas consumption by 22% and electricity use by 10%, saving £3,500 and preventing 9.5 tonnes of CO₂ from being emitted.

Maryland Primary's proactive, pupil-powered approach shows how combining curiosity, teamwork and good data can deliver real, measurable energy savings.

This great achievement is all down to the hard work of our brilliant group of ecowarriors, a group of students who help make Maryland as sustainable as possible. Their dedication and passion for reducing our energy usage has been transformative, and they are already coming up with new ideas on how to reduce our energy and gas usage even more next year!

Henry Watson, Science & Sustainability Lead, Maryland Primary School

A full range of case studies showcasing savings achieved at schools using Energy Sparks' energy management platform can be found at <https://energysparks.uk/case-studies>.

Energy Sparks User feedback in 2024/2025

Energy Sparks' annual user survey which was completed in May 2025 evidenced the main benefits of Energy Sparks to users. These are:

- Cost benefits: utility bill reduction and the potential to save money
- Tracking and monitoring of energy usage with weekly alerts and emails. Holiday, daily, weekly and yearly comparisons.
- Being able to actively and intentionally involve students with accessible activities and resources. Useful support for eco-teams.
- Visual way to engage with data, good graphical formats, easy to understand, clear alerts, user-friendly, well-designed dashboards.
- Celebrating improvements and 'proof' that efforts are paying off. Allows schools to reward and share progress being made in school.

The most popular reasons for schools to join Energy Sparks were:

- reducing school energy bills (85%),
- reducing the school's carbon footprint (76%)
- getting the students involved in sustainability (71%)

The main energy saving actions that have been carried out since schools joined Energy Sparks were:

- switching off lights (89%) and electric equipment (86%),
- updating heating timings (75%)
- reducing the heating set temperature (67%)

"The pupil dashboard is really great for helping children understand how our school uses energy. The simple comparisons to phone charging, TV use, kettles, etc. is really powerful and has been a catalyst for action for our green team. The coloured charts are easy for children to interpret and have just enough information that they understand it well. The ability to log our actions has been great to look back on and the league table is a good motivator!"

Teacher at Victoria Park Primary School, Cathedral Schools Trust

Energy Sparks energy management tool improvements

In 2024/25, we continued to enhance the Energy Sparks platform so that schools and trusts can use it more easily, understand their energy use more clearly, and achieve even bigger savings. These improvements also help us deliver our services more efficiently.

Guided by user feedback, we gave our Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) dashboards a major redesign. The new dashboards make it much easier for trust central teams to compare energy use across their schools and spot the biggest opportunities for savings. We also added new Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) features to support MATs in completing their annual SECR reports quickly and accurately.

We overhauled our target-tracking tools, which let schools set energy-saving goals for the year and monitor their progress. The updated version is simpler to use and now accepts historic bill data, so schools can track improvements even before half-hourly data is available.

Our weekly email alerts—designed to flag changes in a school's energy use—have also been improved. Behind the scenes, we created a full integration with Mailchimp, allowing us to manage contacts in a GDPR-compliant way and send focused newsletters and targeted updates to school staff, MAT users, Local Authority officers, and subscribers.

For schools with limited gas data, we refreshed our heating control pages to give them immediate, practical recommendations for cutting heat waste. We also introduced academic-year energy comparisons, sitting alongside our existing year-to-date views. To improve the accuracy and timeliness of data, we built automated integrations with the Perse energy data platform and the Solis Cloud solar monitoring system, giving us daily access to half-hourly electricity data and real-time solar generation and export information.

Finally, we launched new support pages, making it easier for users to find answers to common questions and helping us bring new schools and MATs on board more efficiently.

Organisational growth

Energy Sparks has benefited from growing policy and public pressure for decarbonisation of school estates. Department for Education requirements to have a Climate Action Plan and Sustainability Lead in place by December 2025 have driven school interest in Energy Sparks over the last year.

Throughout 2024/2025, we worked closely with the Ashden Foundation's Let's Go Zero Climate Action Advisors, who have championed our work to many new schools across England. We have provided the Advisors with training on effective energy management and making the best use of the Energy Sparks platform to help the development and delivery of schools' climate action plans.

To support our reach to more schools, we recruited an additional part-time School Support and Data Officer in November 2024, with a further part-time School Support and Data Officer starting in September 2025. We also recruited a part-time Communications and Marketing Manager in January 2025 to help us professionalise our communications to schools and partners.

Supporters

The following organisations provided generous support in 2024/2025, allowing 662 schools to access Energy Sparks' services free of charge, minimising barriers to engagement and providing opportunities for students to take impactful action to reduce their school's carbon footprint and develop environmental awareness

- OVO Foundation
- Drax Foundation
- Shoosmiths Foundation
- Simon Gibson Charitable Trust
- Scott Bader Charity Fund
- King Charles III Charitable Fund
- ORIT Impact Fund
- Big Green Give
- Fuellers Charitable Trust
- Bristol City Leap
- LASER Energy and e.on
- Egni Co-op
- Brighton Energy Co-op
- Talybont on Usk Community Energy
- Lux Nova
- N3rgy Data Ltd
- Perse



Plans for the future

Energy Sparks is aiming to provide its energy management tool to 1,250 schools by summer 2026.

During 2025/2026, we are delivering our energy management tool to 160 schools through the Department for Education's Great British Energy Solar Project. 80 schools, predominantly in the North-East of England are also benefitting from an enhanced service with more 1 to 1 support to help them make best use of our energy data insights and analysis to develop their energy action plans, and in-school workshops.

In September 2025, we appointed a new part-time Head of Education who will develop a new Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteering offer that supports students to use Energy Sparks to achieve the volunteering requirements for the Award scheme, as well as making a difference to their school's carbon footprint.

In 2025/2026, we also plan to set up a new youth committee to allow young people to voice their opinions on how to make Energy Sparks' work more engaging and impactful and to allow them to be engaged in activities such as marketing, fundraising, planning and evaluation on behalf of the charity.

Since September 2025, we've already invested in further improvements to our group dashboard structure to support the discovery of schools by diocese and local authority, and to allow schools to be in multiple groups, for example, their Multi-Academy Trust and a specific project group. This supports collaborative working with partners.

Our product development priorities over the next year include:

- Improving the presentation of our pupil activities and adult-led action guidance to help user discoverability
- Updating the student login functionality to improve cybersecurity and to support the Duke of Edinburgh's Award volunteering programme.
- Developing new group impact reporting functionality to better share the energy saving achievements of our schools with their Multi-Academy Trust leads
- Further streamline onboarding, data access, and our internal processes to allow us to provide our energy management platform more efficiently. This will include developing a new data model, internal processes and reports to support invoicing and renewals.

Financial Review

As of 31 August 2025, total Unrestricted Funds held were £191,224. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represented around 3.5 months of core running costs for the current staff team.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2025 were £3,994. This comprised funds allocated to the Big Give supported activities.

INCOME

During 2024/2025, Energy Sparks continued to expand its income from Multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and schools paying for our energy management platform and support. In 2024/2025, 35% of Energy Sparks' income came from schools, MATs and Local Authorities paying for our energy management platform. This is an increase compared to 19% of income in 2023/2024. Grant income reduced from 67% in 2023/2024 to 49% in 2024/2025.

Total Income up to 31 August 2025 was £552,300. The most significant grant income comprised £150,000 from the Drax Foundation to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks energy management platform to 240 schools in Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and the East of England regions as well as in-school workshops to 60 schools. £100,626 from the OVO Foundation supported the provision of Energy Sparks' platform to 170 schools in the South-West, London, South-East and West Midlands regions, as well as in-school workshops to 30 schools.

£173,294 of income was from state schools paying for access to our energy management platform, £19,575 was from independent schools paying for our platform, £26,923 was from community energy sponsorship of schools hosting their solar panels or located in their areas of operation and £25,850 was from the delivery of energy audits to schools.

EXPENDITURE

Total Payments up to 31 August 2025 were £575,071. The most significant payments comprised £398,278 on staff salaries, £47,794 on employee pension costs, £37,209 on employers' National Insurance and £44,693 on freelance education workshop delivery and £22,325 on freelance energy audit support by our subcontractors, School Energy Efficiency.

The charity's policy on reserves

Energy Sparks' unrestricted reserves are that part of the charity's funds which are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes. The Trustees have agreed to maintain 3-4 months' of core running costs as reserves to provide sufficient funds to cover loss of regular grant or earned income, unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, short-term deficits in cash flow, and staff redundancy. The reserves policy is reviewed at least annually at the AGM, but with consideration given during quarterly financial touchpoints.

As of 31 August 2025, total Unrestricted Funds held were £191,224. These unrestricted funds represented Energy Sparks' reserves and were around 3.5 months' worth of core running costs for the staff team at the time.

Risk management

The Trustees have a risk-management strategy that comprises:

- A regular review of the risks the Charity faces,
- Systems, procedures and prioritisation of new product functionality to mitigate against those risks and their potential impacts,
- Regular review of our insurance cover to assess whether it adequately addresses the risks and potential liabilities we face, extending cover if new risks are identified, and as the scale of our

operations grows. The trustees have recently increased Professional Indemnity cover to £1 million and taken out new £100,000 Legal Representation and Employment Disputes cover.

The Trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks to which the charity may be exposed. The priority risks identified in 2024/2025 and their associated mitigation measures are:

- **Financial environment and funding landscape** - With an increasingly diverse income stream, less reliance on grants from Trusts and Foundations and more fee income from our services to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and commercial partners, the Trustees believe the charity is now more financially resilient. Energy Sparks includes a fair allocation of overhead costs in all grant applications, bids and tenders. This approach supports the sustainability of core functions, enabling the delivery of our work effectively, and contributes to the ongoing strategic development of the organisation.
- **Customer service expectations aligning with product price point** - Energy Sparks regularly reviews and adjusts pricing models, allocates resources to improving operational efficiency, prioritises high-impact product features, and aims to clearly communicate product value to our service users.
- **Team capacity** - Energy Sparks is investing in more automation and tools to reduce manual workload and encourages knowledge-sharing to prevent specialist dependency. Project planning accounts for recruitment lead times, though delays in major contract awards without extended delivery timeframes can challenge team capacity.
- **Staff succession planning** - Energy Sparks documents key knowledge and processes, has created new senior roles within the team and distributed more responsibilities across the senior team, reducing reliance on any one individual. Over the next year, Energy Sparks will be developing an emergency leadership continuity plan to address unexpected short-term absences, and identifying interim leadership solutions to minimise disruption.
- **Ease of reliable energy data access from energy suppliers and meter operators** - Energy Sparks will be developing an internal risk register of suppliers and meter operators with known reliability issues or data delays, alongside exploring alternative data aggregator platforms. Energy Sparks will prioritise relationships with schools with reliable data suppliers, and explore options for MOUs or informal agreements with major energy suppliers and meter operators to improve cooperation and support reliable data access.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 20th March 2020

How is the charity constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions

The charity must have at least 3 trustees in post. 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.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Full name	Position	Date	Signature
Helen Burge	Chair	11/02/2026	
Andrew Houston	Treasurer	11/02/2026	

Energy Sparks

Registered charity: 1189273

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2024/2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2023/2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	90	0	90	368		368
Charitable activities	2	251,862	293,994	545,855	161,097	399,986	561,083
Investments	2	6,355	0	6,355	608		608
Total		258,306	293,994	552,300	162,074	399,986	562,059
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	8,160	0	8,160	2,457	39,837	42,294
Charitable activities	3	232,016	334,894	566,911	79,681	378,989	458,670
Total		240,176	334,894	575,071	82,138	418,826	500,964
Net movement in funds		18,130	(40,901)	(22,771)	79,935	(18,840)	61,095
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		173,094	44,894	217,988	93,159	63,734	156,893
Total funds carried forward		191,224	3,994	195,217	173,094	44,894	217,988

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	2024/2025 Restricted funds £	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	2023/2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		215,551	112,021	327,572	177,218	223,144	400,363
Debtors		3,924	0	3,924	3,150	0	3,150
Total current assets		219,475	112,021	331,496	180,368	223,144	403,513
Liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	28,251	108,027	136,279	7,274	178,250	185,524
Net assets		191,224	3,994	195,217	173,094	44,894	217,988
Funds of the Charity							
Restricted income funds	5	0	3,994	3,994		44,894	44,894
Unrestricted funds	5	191,224	0	191,224	173,094		173,094
Total funds		191,224	3,994	195,217	173,094	44,894	217,988

Cashflow Statement as at 31 August 2025

	As at 31 August 2025	As at 31 August 2024
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(79,145)	176,745
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest	6,355	608
Net cash used in investing activities	6,355	608
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(72,791)	177,353
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	400,363	223,009
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	327,572	400,362
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net movement in funds as per statement of financial activities	(22,771)	61,095
Interest	(6,355)	(608)
Depreciation charges	0	0
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(774)	(217)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(49,246)	116,474
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(79,145)	176,745
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	171,791	400,363
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	155,781	0
Total cash and cash equivalents	327,572	400,363

Flagstone account opened Sep 2024

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by Andrew Houston, Trustee on 11th February 2026



Notes for the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2025

1. Accounting Policies

General information

The Charity is registered in England and Wales, registration number 1189273. Its registered office address is Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath BA2 7UP. The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their

accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Energy Sparks meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees are of the opinion that the charity will be a going concern for at least the next 12 months, beginning with the date on which these accounts have been approved.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities balance sheet on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

A grant of £100,000 from the Drax Foundation was received in April 2025 to support schools in the 2025/2026 school year; income of £7,620 was received from Laser in June 2025 to support schools in 2025/2026; a grant of £2,500 from the King Charles III Foundation was received in June 2025 to support schools in 2025/2026; a grant of £6,540 from Lux Nova was received in June 2025 for the 2025/2026 year; £9,810 was received from the New Collaborative Learning Trust of which £4,905 is deferred to June 2026 and £4,905 to June 2027. These payments have been recorded as deferred income in the 2024/2025 Financial Statements.

All voluntary support during the 2024/2025 reporting year was through the contribution of unpaid general volunteers. Their contribution has not been recorded in these accounts but is acknowledged in the trustees' report.

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 31 August 2025, the charity had limited physical assets comprising around 500 classroom thermometer cards, <10 appliance monitors, 2 second-hand mobile phones and 3 laptops. The charity's threshold for recording physical assets as tangible fixed assets is an initial purchase cost of £1000 or more. Equipment or resources purchased for less than £1000 is recorded as an expense.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent. Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

In these Financial Statements all expenditure is allocated to Charitable Activities except for £8,160 allocated to Raising Funds comprising 10% of the CEO's total remuneration, pension and employer's national insurance.

This is a reduction from 30% in 2023/2024 which reflects the organisation's move away from grant funding, towards more contracts for services of its energy management platform.

Total Support costs to the Charitable Activities were £17,870 comprising 15% of the CEO's remuneration, pension and Employers National Insurance contribution to cover the accounting, payroll and general personnel management functions delivered by the CEO, with the balance of £5,630 comprising insurance, accounting software, bank fees, job adverts, independent examination of the accounts, and meeting costs.

Fees for the independent examination of the accounts (governance) paid during the reporting period were £550 plus VAT.

VAT

Energy Sparks charges VAT on its relevant 'business' services sold to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and Community energy companies. This included annual service fees for our energy management platform and energy audits. Provision of in-school education workshops are exempt from VAT on education grounds. Grant income from trusts and foundations to allow selected schools free access to our services is outside the scope of VAT and considered 'non-business' income.

Energy Sparks recovered input VAT on expenditure incurred in relation to business supplies. Business/non-business apportionment was used to determine the amount of input VAT which could be recovered where supplies supported services to both grant-funded schools and schools paying for services. The ratio of business/non-business apportionment was determined based on the business/non-business income split for the financial year to date at the time of the quarterly VAT return.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

As of 31 August 2025, total Unrestricted Funds held were £191,224. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represented around 3.5 months' worth of core running costs for the current staff team.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2025 were £3,994. This comprised funds allocated to the Big Give supported activities.

Rounding differences

The financial statements have been prepared to the nearest 2 decimal places and are presented to the nearest £1. There may therefore be rounding differences of a few pounds throughout the financial statements. This does not affect the accuracy of the information.

2. Income Breakdown as at 31 August 2025

	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£			£	
Donations and legacies						
Unrestricted corporate donations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other unrestricted income	90	0	90	368	0	368
Charitable activities						
OVO Foundation	0	100,626	100,626	0	115,025	115,025
Postcode Local Trust	0	0	0	0	25,000	25,000
Energy for Tomorrow	0	0	0	0	5,000	5,000
Physical on-site audits (chargeable)	25,850	0	25,850	13,725	0	13,725
Corporate donations to support named schools	6,125	0	6,125	3,000	0	3,000
Independent school fees	19,575	0	19,575	15,207	0	15,207
Education workshops (chargeable)	50	0	50	150	0	150
Community Energy Sponsorship	26,923	0	26,923	26,125	0	26,125
Corporate sponsorship	0	0	0	1,000	0	1,000
State school fees	173,294	0	173,294	91,941	0	91,941
Drax Foundation	0	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	150,000
Small Grants	45	750	795	0	1,876	1,876
Bristol City Leap community energy fund	0	1,000	1,000	0	4,000	4,000
Big Give	0	3,938	3,938	0	4,085	4,085
Consultancy services	0	0	0	9,950	0	9,950
Shoosmiths Foundation	0	0	0	0	62,500	62,500
Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	0	0	0	0	10,000	10,000
Elbow Beach Foundation	0	0	0	0	22,500	22,500
Scott Bader Charity Fund	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0
Laser/EON	0	21,180	21,180	0	0	0
King Charles III Charitable Fund	0	2,500	2,500	0	0	0
ORIT Impact Fund (Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust Plc)	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Investments						
Interest Income	6,355	0	6,355	608	0	608
Total Income	258,306	293,994	552,300	162,074	399,986	562,059

3. Total Expenditure breakdown as at 31 August 2025

Expenditure category	Unrestricted Funds	2024/2025		Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2023/2024		Total Funds	Notes
		Restricted Funds	£			Restricted Funds	£		
Advertising & Marketing	28	0	28	28	2,726	13,054	15,780	Support costs	
Audit & Accountancy fees	848	189	1,037	1,037	1,485	59	1,543	Support costs	
Bank Fees	85	0	85	85	38	47	85	Support costs	
Employers National Insurance	10,758	26,451	37,209	37,209	(305)	33,329	33,023		
Insurance	520	158	678	678	0	579	579	Support costs	
IT Software and Consumables	1,146	4,901	6,047	6,047	2,321	1,511	3,832		
Pensions Costs	19,791	28,003	47,794	47,794	5,299	36,869	42,167		
Postage, Freight & Courier	35	0	35	35	34	31	65		
Printing & Stationery	3	0	3	3	0	0	0		
Salaries	159,899	238,378	398,278	398,278	44,154	302,183	346,337		
Education support (freelance)	12,010	32,683	44,693	44,693	3,690	24,780	28,470		
Staff Training	592	850	1,442	1,442	0	0	0		
Telephone & Internet	431	697	1,127	1,127	328	541	869		
Travel - National	775	936	1,711	1,711	914	439	1,353	Partly support cost	
DBS checks	81	0	81	81	0	13	13		
User research incentives	150	0	150	150	0	250	250		
Audit support (freelance)	22,325	0	22,325	22,325	12,050	0	12,050		
Translation	3,622	0	3,622	3,622	5,420	0	5,420		
Meeting venues and catering	1,323	0	1,323	1,323	472	25	497	Support costs	
Prizes	2,000	1,350	3,350	3,350	3,309	1,191	4,500		
Staff entertainment	0	0	0	0	205	0	205	Support costs	
Metering costs	3,260	0	3,260	3,260	0	0	0		
Recruitment	494	298	792	792	0	0	0	Partly support cost	
Fundraising consultancy	0	0	0	0	0	3,925	3,925		
Total Expenditure	240,176	334,894	575,071	575,071	82,138	418,826	500,964		

Expenditure Notes

In 2024/2025, 10% of CEO salary, pension and employers NI costs (£8,160) were allocated to Raising Funds. This is a reduction from 30% in 2023/2024 which reflects the organisation's move away from grant funding, towards more contracts for services of its energy management platform.

Total support costs, which include 15% of CEO remuneration, is £17,870. This also includes cost of insurance, banking, accountancy, unrestricted recruitment and related expenses, and meeting and conference costs.

Staff Costs

Staff costs in 2024/2025 comprised £398,278 on staff salaries, £47,794 on employee pension costs, and £37,209 on employers' National Insurance.

The average number of staff employed during the year was 9.5. This comprised 5 full time staff and 5 part time staff, equating to 8.03 FTE. No redundancy or termination payments were paid during the reporting period.

The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the CEO and CTO. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of those key management personnel were £162,873, incurred by 2 members of staff.

Two employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 during the reporting period.

£60,000 - £69,999 - 1 employee

£80,000 - £89,999 - 1 employee

Pensions

The charity is a member of a pension arrangement with NEST and contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activity as paid.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

4. Creditors breakdown as at 31 August 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	196	155
Accruals	0	0
Income in Advance	126,470	184,045
VAT	9,612	1,324
Total Creditors	136,279	185,524

5. Fund Breakdown as at 31 August 2025

	2024/2025			2023/2024		
	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2025	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31 August 2024
OVO Foundation grant	100,626	100,626	0	115,025	129,084	0
Drax Foundation	150,000	150,000	0	150,000	150,000	0
Fuellers Charitable Trust	750	750	0	750	750	0
Bristol City Leap	1,000	1,243	0	4,000	3,757	243
Big Give	3,938	4,029	3,994	4,085	0	4,085
Laser/eon	21,180	13,687	0	0	7,493	(7,493)
Shoosmiths Foundation	0	42,340	0	62,500	20,160	42,340
Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	0	5,718	0	10,000	4,282	5,718
King Charles III Charitable Fund	2,500	2,500	0		0	0
ORIT Impact Fund (Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust Plc)	10,000	10,000	0		0	0
Scott Bader Charity Fund	4,000	4,000	0		0	0
Unrestricted	258,306	240,176	191,225	162,074	82,138	173,095
Centrica Energy for Tomorrow	0	0	0	5,000	54,676	0
Elbow Beach Foundation	0	0	0	22,500	22,500	0
Postcode Local Trust	0	0	0	25,000	25,000	0
Transition Bath	0	0	0	1,126	1,126	0
Total	552,300	575,071	195,217	562,059	500,964	217,988

Description of restricted funds in 2024/2025

OVO Foundation - Funding to support the provision of Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 170 schools in the South-West, London, South-East and West Midlands regions as well as funding to support the provision of in-school education workshops to 30 schools in the same regions.

Drax Foundation - Funding to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 240 schools in Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and East of England regions as well as in-school workshops to 60 schools.

Fuellers Charitable Trust - Funding for Energy Sparks scoreboard prizes.

Bristol City Leap - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform, workshops and/or energy audits to 5 schools in the Bristol area.

Big Give - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform to 8 schools.

Laser/eon - Funding to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks' energy management platform and in-school workshops to 25 Laser and eon customer schools.

Shoosmiths Foundation - Funding to support the provision of Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 75 schools serving deprived communities around Shoosmiths offices, as well as provision of in-school workshops to 15 of the same schools.

Simon Gibson Charitable Trust - Funding to support the provision of the energy management platform to 20 schools in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire.

King Charles III Charitable Fund - Funding to support the provision of the energy management platform to 5 schools in Bath and NE Somerset.

ORIT Impact Fund (Octopus Renewables Infrastructure Trust Plc) - Funding to support the provision of the energy management platform to 20 schools across England.

Scott Bader Charitable Fund - Funding to support the provision of the energy management platform to 8 schools in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Milton Keynes.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Energy Sparks

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1189273

Set out on pages

1-9

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the year ended 31 /08 / 2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date:

29 January 2026

Name:

Sheila Parry

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

From 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

Charity registration number: 1189273

Trustees Annual Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity registration number

1189273

Registered Office

Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath, BA2 7UP

Trustees

Peter Andrews, Chair

Andrew Houston, Treasurer

Robert Schrimpf (until 3rd April 2025)

Robert Cohen

Sunny Pawar

Naomi Allen

Timothy Warnes

Edward Moore (from 13th May 2024)

Senior Leadership Team

Claudia Towner, Chief Executive Officer

Leigh Dodds, Chief Technology Officer

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

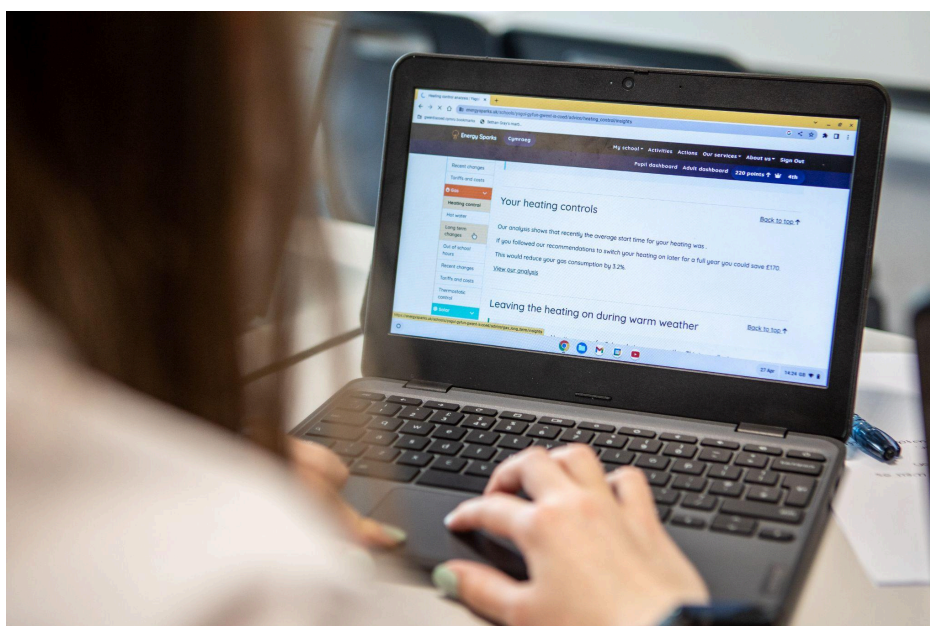
To promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by developing and promoting tools, services and programmes to reduce energy and resource consumption and carbon emissions.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating and informing the public, particularly but not exclusively young people about the causes and impacts of climate change, and the importance of energy saving and reducing carbon emissions.

Public Benefit

Energy Sparks' vision is a sustainable future in which the school community is at the heart of measurable action to tackle climate change. We equip children and young people with the knowledge, skills, and tools to take measurable action in their school and wider community to reduce carbon emissions. We enable school leaders, staff and communities to better understand and reduce their school's energy consumption and introduce wider measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

Energy Sparks provides a school-specific energy management tool and education programme designed to help schools, their pupils and staff reduce their energy use and carbon footprint. Using a school's electricity, gas and solar half-hourly consumption and generation data, Energy Sparks shows pupils and staff how much energy the school is using each day. The unique online tool presents bespoke pupil and adult-focused analysis and benchmarking of the energy data with school-specific suggestions of actions the school community could take to save energy. We particularly focus on data-driven, no and low-cost energy-saving opportunities such as optimising heating settings to cut holiday and weekend waste and reducing overnight electricity use.



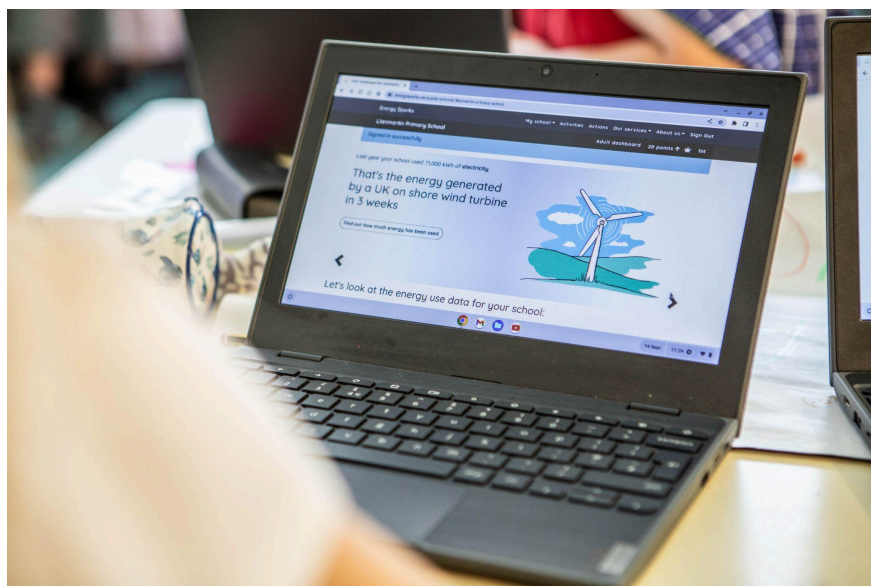
Energy Sparks provides online and weekly emailed alerts and action prompts informing pupils and staff when their consumption changes and the cost and carbon implications. Alerts are uniquely linked to over

140 pupil activities which provide opportunities for students to work in partnership with school estates staff on energy saving audits and campaigns and develop energy saving and carbon reduction life-skills to take home to their families and communities. Schools are encouraged to record completed activities on the Energy Sparks portal, earning points and sharing best practice with other schools. Prizes are awarded at the end of the year to the top scoring schools to motivate sustained engagement with energy saving action.

Our online tool and education resources are supported by regular newsletters sharing energy saving tips and best practice inspiration, webinar training for school staff, and in-school assemblies and education workshops for pupils.

One of the main focuses of Energy Sparks is to demonstrate to schools how to reduce their energy consumption without capital investment. Most of the interventions suggested by Energy Sparks are completely free - such as changing boiler settings and switching off appliances outside of school hours. This means they are accessible to any school regardless of the school budget, size and building infrastructure.

A unique feature of Energy Sparks is the way that pupils are supported to use real-world energy data to inform energy-saving and educational activities. Over the last year, pupils at participating schools have recorded thousands of activities - from carrying out spot checks for lights and electrical equipment left on at lunchtime to meeting with caretakers and kitchen staff to discuss their roles in saving energy. For young people, being able to see the difference they can make and knowing that their school is taking the climate emergency seriously is crucial. With schools being at the heart of our communities, the energy-saving life skills staff and students learn in school can often be replicated at home.



Each year, Energy Sparks carries out an annual user survey. Common themes around the main benefits of Energy Sparks reported by users in the March 2024 survey were:

- Cost benefits: utility bill reduction and saving money
- Reducing energy usage, awareness of where to save energy
- Being able to involve students with accessible activities and resources
- Tracking and monitoring energy usage, helpful to have access to historic data
- Competition aspect: fun to see how schools compare
- Guidelines for eco teams and as a useful educational starting point

- Raising awareness
- Monitoring energy across the whole estate
- Makes energy use accessible and visible
- Support with metering upgrades and issues

*The main benefits to using Energy Sparks for our Trust have been the visibility of accurate, up to date data to inform energy reductions and the wealth of analysis and resources that can be used by such a wide audience.” **Jessica Marshall - Oasis Community Learning***

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In managing Energy Sparks the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers

Energy Sparks is supported by its volunteer trustees who have supported the charity in a general capacity with technical guidance, personnel management, financial oversight and strategic guidance. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise the successful operation of Energy Sparks would not be possible.

Achievements and Performance

During 2023/2024, 927 UK schools used Energy Sparks’ school-specific energy management tool to save energy and reduce their carbon footprint. Schools supported ranged from nursery schools to FE colleges, with around two-thirds of the participating schools being state primary, infant and junior schools, and the remainder being state secondary, special, independent, and middle schools. 497,000 pupils had access to education opportunities to improve energy and carbon literacy, 3,228 staff energy saving interventions were recorded and 2,410 pupil energy saving activities completed at participating schools. Over the year, the average Energy Sparks primary saved at least £5,000 off their energy bill and 7 tonnes of CO₂, and the average secondary saved at least £21,000 and 26 tonnes of CO₂.

Examples of savings achieved at participating schools are provided in the Energy Sparks [Case Studies](#).

“The main benefit of using Energy Sparks is the visibility of very current data in different formats for staff interpretation and child-friendly examples to help children understand energy. The adult and child parallel portals to bridge the whole school community on the same platform is amazing.”
Victoria Park Primary School, Bristol

We produced our second [Energy Efficiency in Schools report](#), which highlighted performance across Energy Sparks schools during the 2023/2024 school year and used a range of case studies to demonstrate the energy management challenges in schools and approaches taken by some of the schools using Energy Sparks to reduce energy waste.

Based on the results of our March 2024 user survey, since using Energy Sparks:

- 70% of respondents say their school is more committed to energy saving and climate action, with a further 22.5% saying this would likely have happened anyway.
- 79% said that their school has taken more action to reduce its energy use and carbon footprint, with a further 12% saying this would likely have happened anyway.
- 65% say that climate education is better integrated into their teaching and pupil opportunities, or would have happened anyway. 24% don't know if this has happened, because of their business/facilities/estates role in the school.

During 2023/2024, we improved our pupil activity recommendation and scoreboard infrastructure to inspire schools with activities being recorded by other schools in their region. We updated our school comparison and benchmarking tool and supporting technology infrastructure to allow it to scale to a growing number of schools and perform reliably. We developed new reports to track engagement at participating schools, which allowed our team to monitor impact, and spent more time supporting Multi-Academy Trust sustainability leads in supporting their schools to engage more with Energy Sparks and energy saving.

We now require and enforce minimum engagement expectations for schools benefitting from funded access to our services, with an expectation that each school will have a minimum of 3 staff users of the Energy Sparks' platform, so they start to build a community effort around their energy saving action and have continuity of engagement when staff members leave the school. We also expect funded schools to complete and record at least one energy-saving programme of activities per year, or an equivalent number of pupil activities or adult-led energy-saving actions (at least 4). Around 80% of all participating schools met a basic engagement level at the end of the 2023/2024 school year, with funded schools that did not meet our engagement expectations transferring to self-funded use of our services or leaving the platform at the end of the year.

Over summer 2024, we implemented design improvements, provided pro bono by Storm consultancy's in-house team (for whom we were charity partner of the year for 2024) to update our pupil and adult dashboards and associated pages to provide improved navigation, accessibility and encourage users to explore more of the advanced energy analysis for their school.

During 2023/2024 we significantly increased the profile of Energy Sparks through a range of external speaking opportunities including the Education Estates – Net Zero conference, DfE Net Zero Accelerator conference, and Schools and Academies Show. We championed the approach that school energy saving does not need to be expensive and that almost all schools have the potential to save up to 40% off their energy bills through a mix of behaviour change and improved control.

We worked closely with the Ashden Foundation's new Let's Go Zero Climate Action Advisors, providing training on effective energy management and making the best use of the Energy Sparks platform with the schools that they are supporting to develop climate action plans. The Advisors have also championed our work to many new schools across England supporting recruitment of new schools to Energy Sparks.

We have continued to benefit from being mentioned in the [DfE's Sustainability and climate change: a strategy for the education and children's services systems](#) document and the [DfE's Energy efficiency: guidance for the school and further education college estate](#), as a trusted service provider to the schools' sector.

During 2023/2024, Energy Sparks moved to a mixed funding model with earned income from schools and Trusts, Local Authorities, and Community Energy Companies paying for our services, as well as ongoing grants from trusts and foundations and corporate sponsorship providing free access to around 60% of participating schools, particularly those serving low-income areas.

The following organisations provided generous support in 2023/2024, allowing over 600 schools to access Energy Sparks' services free of charge, minimising barriers to engagement and providing opportunities for students to take impactful action to reduce their school's carbon footprint and develop environmental awareness

- OVO Foundation
- Drax Foundation
- Shoosmiths Foundation
- Simon Gibson Charitable Trust
- Postcode Local Trust
- Centrica Energy for Tomorrow
- Elbow Beach Foundation
- Big Green Give
- Fuellers Charitable Trust
- Bristol City Leap
- LASER Energy and e.on
- Egni Co-op
- Brighton Energy Co-op
- Talybont on Usk Community Energy
- Lux Nova
- Storm consultancy
- N3rgy Data Ltd
- Perse

In June 2024, the collaboration between the Drax Foundation and Energy Sparks was a finalist in the British Renewable Energy Awards in the 'Community' category.



Plans for the future

Our priorities over the next year are to expand our team capacity and increase resilience, refine our business model and expand and refine the core product, including new self-help support available through our portal, strengthening our educational resources particularly for secondary schools, refining our advice, and expanding our analysis for heat pumps and a wider range of solar monitoring services.

We plan to continue increasing the number of schools and Multi-Academy Trusts paying for our energy management portal, as well as applying for new grants and central government funding to remove barriers to new schools engaging with our services.

Financial Review

As of 31 August 2024, total Unrestricted Funds held were £173,094. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represented around 3.5 months of core running costs for the current staff team.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2024 were £44,894. This comprised £42,340 restricted funds allocated to the Shoosmiths Foundation supported charitable activities, £5,718 allocated to the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust supported charitable activities, £4,085 allocated to the Big Give supported activities, £243 to the Bristol City Leap support activities, and a negative balance of £7,493 on the Laser/eon restricted fund for work delivered in 2023/2024, with the first funding payment received in 2024/2025.

INCOME

Total Income up to 31 August 2024 was £562,059. The most significant grant income comprised £150,000 from the Drax Foundation to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks energy management platform to 240 schools in Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and East of England regions as well as in-school workshops to 60 schools, £115,025 from the OVO Foundation to support provision of Energy Sparks' platform to 200 schools in the South-West and London regions as well as additional support for fundraising and marketing to allow Energy Sparks to diversify its income, and £62,500 from the Shoosmiths Foundation to support 45 schools serving deprived communities around Shoosmiths offices with our energy management platform and in-school workshops.

£91,941 of income was from state schools paying for access to our energy management platform, £15,207 was from independent schools paying for our platform, £26,125 was from community energy sponsorship of schools hosting their solar panels or located in their areas of operation and £13,725 was from the delivery of energy audits to schools. Overall, 29% of income was unrestricted in 2023/2024 compared to 13% in 2022/2023.

EXPENDITURE

Total Payments up to 31 August 2024 were £500,964. The most significant payments comprised £346,337 on staff salaries, £42,167 on employee pension costs, £33,023 on employers' National Insurance and £28,470 on freelance education workshop support delivery by our subcontractors, School Energy Efficiency.

The charity's policy on reserves

In order to continue to secure and sustain the charity's viability and Energy Sparks' future availability to users, it is the Trustees' policy to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to meet staff notice and redundancy costs if ever needed, and also put the charity in a better position to absorb any temporary fluctuations in income. Over the next year, Energy Sparks CIO would like to build up reserves of 4 months of its core running costs. The trustees will develop an income generation and fundraising strategy to meet this target. The Trustees will review the Reserves Policy and the amount of reserves held at least annually at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 20th March 2020

How is the charity constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

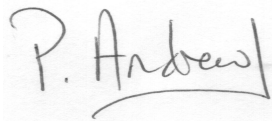
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

The charity must have at least 3 trustees in post. 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.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Full name	Position	Date	Signature
Peter Andrews	Chair	25th April 2025	
Andrew Houston	Treasurer	25th April 2025	

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2024

		2023/2024			2022/2023		
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
		£			£		
Income and endowments from:							
Donations and legacies	2	368	-	368	4,249	-	4,249
Charitable activities	2	161,097	399,986	561,083	54,824	405,277	460,101
Investments	2	608	-	608	616	-	616
Total		162,074	399,986	562,059	59,690	405,277	464,967
Expenditure on:							
Raising funds	3	2,457	39,837	42,294	-	21,518	21,518
Charitable activities	3	79,681	378,989	458,670	12,376	465,444	477,820
Total		82,138	418,826	500,964	12,376	486,963	499,338
Net movement in funds		79,935	(18,840)	61,095	47,314	(81,686)	(34,372)
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds brought forward		93,159	63,734	156,893	45,845	145,420	191,265
Total funds carried forward		173,094	44,894	217,988	93,159	63,734	156,893

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

		2023/2024			2022/2023		
	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
		£			£		
Current assets							
Cash at bank and in hand		177,218	223,144	400,363	111,125	111,884	223,009
Debtors		3,150	0	3,150	2,933	0	2,933
Total current assets		180,368	223,144	403,513	114,059	111,884	225,943
Liabilities							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	7,274	178,250	185,524	20,900	48,150	69,050
Net assets		173,094	44,894	217,988	93,159	63,734	156,893
Funds of the Charity							
Restricted income funds	5		44,894	44,894		63,734	63,734
Unrestricted funds	5	173,094		173,094	93,159		93,159
Total funds		173,094	44,894	217,988	93,159	63,734	156,893

Cashflow Statement as at 31 August 2024

	As at 31 August 2024	As at 31 August 2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	176,745	(159,007)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest	608	616
Net cash used in investing activities	608	616
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	177,353	(158,391)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	223,009	381,400
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	400,363	223,009
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net movement in funds as per statement of financial activities	61,095	(34,372)
Interest	(608)	(616)
Depreciation charges	0	0
Decrease/(Increase) in debtors	(217)	(1,758)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	116,474	(122,260)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	176,745	(159,007)
Analysis of cash and cash equivalents		
Cash in hand	400,363	223,009
Notice deposits (less than 3 months)	0	0
Total cash and cash equivalents	400,363	223,009

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by Andrew Houston, Trustee on 30th April 2025:



Notes for the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Accounting Policies

General information

The Charity is registered in England and Wales, registration number 1189273. Its registered office address is Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath BA2 7UP. The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Energy Sparks meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees are of the opinion that the charity will be a going concern for at least the next 12 months, beginning with the date on which these accounts have been approved.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities balance sheet on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

A grant of £150,000 from the Drax Foundation was received in June 2024 to support schools in the 2024/2025 school year; a donation of £5,795 from Lux Nova was received in June 2024 to support schools in the Wessex Multi-Academy Trust in 2024/2025; a grant of £2,500 from the King Charles III Foundation was received in July 2024 to support schools in 2024/2025; a grant of £750 from the Fuellers Charitable Trust Fund was received in August 2024 as a prize for the Christmas 2024 scoreboard competition; and a grant of £25,000 was received from the OVO Foundation to support schools in 2024/2025. These payments have been recorded as deferred income in the 2023/2024 Financial Statements.

All voluntary support during the 2023/2024 reporting year was through the contribution of unpaid general volunteers. Their contribution has not been recorded in these accounts but is acknowledged in the trustees' report.

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 31 August 2024, the charity had limited physical assets comprising around 500 classroom thermometer cards, <10 appliance monitors, 2 second-hand mobile phones and 3 laptops. The charity's threshold for recording physical assets as tangible fixed assets is an initial purchase cost of £1000 or more. Equipment or resources purchased for less than £1000 is recorded as an expense.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Staff costs are allocated on the basis

of time spent. Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

In these Financial Statements all expenditure is allocated to Charitable Activities except for £42,294 allocated to Raising Funds comprising 30% of the CEO's salary, pension and Employers National Insurance contribution, £3,925 external fundraising consultancy support and £15,362 for marketing and advertising including external marketing consultancy support, access to the Campus school contact database, Facebook and Twitter adverts. The external fundraising consultancy reviewed Energy Sparks' case for support and the trusts and foundations funding landscape, and the external marketing consultancy advised on improvements to Energy Sparks' marketing web pages and ran a Twitter and Facebook advert campaign to recruit more paying schools and Multi-Academy Trusts to Energy Sparks.

Total Support costs to the Charitable Activities were £18,085 comprising 15% of the CEO's salary, pension and Employers National Insurance contribution to cover the accounting, payroll and general personnel management functions delivered by the CEO, £2372 for team IT equipment with the balance of £4210 comprising insurance, accounting software, VAT advice (£490 plus VAT), bank fees, job adverts, independent examination of the accounts, telephone and meeting venues.

Fees for the independent examination of the accounts (governance) paid during the reporting period were £615 plus VAT.

VAT

Energy Sparks registered for VAT with effect from 1 December 2023. From that date, Energy Sparks charged VAT on its relevant 'business' services sold to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and Community energy companies. This included annual service fees for our energy management platform and energy audits. Provision of in-school education workshops are exempt from VAT on education grounds. Grant income from trusts and foundations to allow selected schools free access to our services is outside the scope of VAT and considered 'non-business' income.

Energy Sparks recovered input VAT on expenditure incurred in relation to business supplies. Business/non-business apportionment was used to determine the amount of input VAT which could be recovered where supplies supported services to both grant-funded schools and schools paying for services. The ratio of business/non-business apportionment was determined based on the business/non-business income split for the financial year to date at the time of the quarterly VAT return.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Staff Costs

Total staff costs and employee benefits are reported in the Expenditure breakdown. No redundancy or termination payments were paid during the reporting period. The average number of staff employed during the year was 9 including one member of staff on maternity leave for most of the reporting period. This comprised 6 full time staff and 3 part time staff, equating to 8.05 FTE including 1 FTE on maternity leave. The charity considers its key management personnel to comprise the CEO and CTO. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions, of those key management personnel were £155,554, incurred by 2 members of staff.

Two employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 during the reporting period.

£60,000 - £69,999 - 1 employee

£70,000 - £79,999 - 1 employee

Pensions

The charity is a member of a pension arrangement with NEST and contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activity as paid.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

As of 31 August 2024, total Unrestricted Funds held were £173,094. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represented around 3.5 months of core running costs for the current staff team.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2024 were £44,894. This comprised £42,340 restricted funds allocated to the Shoosmiths Foundation supported charitable activities, £5,718 allocated to the Simon Gibson Charitable Trust supported charitable activities, £4,085 allocated to the Big Give supported activities, £243 to the Bristol City Leap support activities, and a negative balance of £7,493 on the Laser/eon restricted fund for work delivered in 2023/2024, with the first funding payment received in 2024/2025.

Rounding differences

The financial statements have been prepared to the nearest 2 decimal places and are presented to the nearest £1. There may therefore be rounding differences of a few pounds throughout the financial statements. This does not affect the accuracy of the information.

2. Income Breakdown as at 31 August 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	2023/2024 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2022/2023 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds
Donations and legacies						
Unrestricted corporate donations	0	0	0	4,249	0	4,249
Other unrestricted income	368	0	368	0	0	0
Charitable activities						
OVO Foundation	0	115,025	115,025	0	137,843	137,843
Postcode Local Trust	0	25,000	25,000	0	0	0
Energy for Tomorrow	0	5,000	5,000	0	26,472	26,472
Physical on-site audits (chargeable)	13,725	0	13,725	17,985	0	17,985
Corporate donations to support named schools	3,000	0	3,000	0	0	0
Independent school fees	15,207	0	15,207	10,845	0	10,845
Education workshops (chargeable)	150	0	150	660	0	660
Community Energy Sponsorship	26,125	0	26,125	0	0	0
Corporate sponsorship	1,000	0	1,000	0	0	0
State school fees	91,941	0	91,941	133	0	133
Drax Foundation	0	150,000	150,000	0	0	0
Restricted small grants	0	1,876	1,876	0	0	0
Bristol City Leap community energy fund	0	4,000	4,000	0	0	0
Big Give	0	4,085	4,085	0	0	0
Consultancy services	9,950	0	9,950	0	0	0
Shoosmiths	0	62,500	62,500	0	0	0
Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	0	10,000	10,000	0	0	0
Elbow Beach Foundation	0	22,500	22,500	0	0	0
DfE	0	0	0	0	173,425	173,425
Welsh Government	0	0	0	0	67,537	67,537
Swansea Council contract	0	0	0	25,200	0	25,200
Investments						
Interest Income	608	0	608	616	0	616
Total Income	162,074	399,986	562,059	59,690	405,277	464,967

3. Total Expenditure breakdown as at 31 August 2024

Expenditure category	Unrestricted Funds	2023/2024		Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2022/2023		Total Funds	Notes
		£	Restricted Funds			£	Restricted Funds		
Advertising & Marketing	2,726		13,054	15,780	0		201	201	See below
Audit & Accountancy fees	1,485		59	1,543	0		936	936	Support costs
Bank Fees	38		47	85	0		85	85	Support costs
Employers National Insurance	(305)		33,329	33,023	(5,000)		34,302	29,302	See below
General Expenses	0		0	0	39		0	39	
Insurance	0		579	579	0		483	483	Support costs
IT Software and Consumables	2,321		1,511	3,832	2,846		8,686	11,533	See below
Pensions Costs	5,299		36,869	42,167	0		38,133	38,133	See below
Postage, Freight & Courier	34		31	65	0		3	3	
Printing & Stationery	0		0	0	0		12	12	
Salaries	44,154		302,183	346,337	0		313,617	313,617	See below
Education support (freelance)	3,690		24,780	28,470	0		30,440	30,440	
Staff Training	0		0	0	0		132	132	
Subscriptions	0		0	0	0		75	75	
Telephone & Internet	328		541	869	16		1,002	1,018	Support costs
Travel - National	914		439	1,353	19		661	680	
DBS checks	0		13	13	0		61	61	Support costs
Technology development (freelance)	0		0	0	0		25,920	25,920	
User research incentives	0		250	250	100		1,900	2,000	
Illustration and Design support	0		0	0	0		150	150	
Audit support (freelance)	12,050		0	12,050	13,940		1,965	15,905	
Translation	5,420		0	5,420	334		9,522	9,856	
Energy expert consultancy	0		0	0	0		10,730	10,730	
Meeting venues and catering	472		25	497	0		66	66	Support costs
Prizes	3,309		1,191	4,500	0		7,880	7,880	
Staff entertainment	205		0	205	81		0	81	Support costs
Fundraising consultancy	0		3,925	3,925	0		0	0	Raising funds
Total Expenditure	82,138		418,826	500,964	12,376		486,963	499,338	

Notes: In 2023/2024 30% of CEO salary, pension and employers NI costs are allocated to Raising Funds and included in this table. 15% of CEO salary, pension and employers NI costs are allocated to Support costs to cover the payroll, finance, and personnel management functions. Advertising and Marketing is allocated to Raising Funds in 2023/2024 except for £418 for job adverts which is allocated to Support costs. £2372 of IT Software and Consumables is allocated to Support costs for team IT equipment.

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023/2024	2022/2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	155	650
Accruals	0	0
Income in Advance	184,045	68,400
VAT	1,324	0
Total Creditors	185,524	69,050

5. Fund Breakdown as at 31 August 2024

Account	Total	OVO Foundation grant	Centrica Energy for Tomorrow	Postcode Local Trust	Drax Foundation	Elbow Beach Foundation	Fuellers Charitable Trust	Bristol City Leap	Big Give	Laser/eon	Shoosmiths Foundation	Simon Gibson Charitable Trust	Transition Bath workshops	Unrestricted
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		£	£		£	£	
Balance at 31 August 2023	156,893	14,059	49,676	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93,159
Total Income	562,059	115,025	5,000	25,000	150,000	22,500	750	4,000	4,085	0	62,500	10,000	1,126	162,074
Total Expenditure	500,964	129,084	54,676	25,000	150,000	22,500	750	3,757	0	7,493	20,160	4,282	1,126	82,138
Income minus expenditure	61,095	(14,059)	(49,676)	0	0	0	0	243	4,085	(7,493)	42,340	5,718	0	79,935
Balance at 31 August 2024	217,988	0	0	0	0	0	0	243	4,085	(7,493)	42,340	5,718	0	173,094

Fund Breakdown as at 31 August 2023

Account	Total	OVO Foundation grant	DfE	Welsh Government	Centrica Energy for Tomorrow	Postcode Local Trust	Drax Foundation	Elbow Beach	Fuellers Charitable Trust	Bristol City Leap	Unrestricted
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Balance at 1 September 2022	191,265	48,755	26,616	24,933	36,508	8,608	0	0	0	0	45,845
Total Income	464,967	137,843	173,425	67,537	26,472	0	0	0	0	0	59,690
Total Expenditure	499,338	172,539	200,041	92,470	13,305	8,608	0	0	0	0	12,376
Income minus expenditure	(34,372)	(34,696)	(26,616)	(24,933)	13,167	(8,608)	0	0	0	0	47,314
Balance at 31 August 2023	156,893	14,059	(0)	0	49,676	0	0	0	0	0	93,159

Description of restricted funds in 2023/2024

OVO Foundation - Funding to support provision of Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 200 schools in the South-West and London regions as well as additional support for fundraising and marketing to allow Energy Sparks to diversify its income.

Centrica Energy for Tomorrow - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform to schools in Scotland.

Postcode Local Trust - Funding to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 50 schools in the South-West and West Midlands regions.

Drax Foundation - Funding to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks' energy management platform to 240 schools in Yorkshire and the Humber, East Midlands and East of England regions as well as in-school workshops to 60 schools.

Elbow Beach Foundation - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform to 30 schools, and 15 workshops.

Fuellers Charitable Trust - Funding for Energy Sparks scoreboard prizes.

Bristol City Leap - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform, workshops and/or energy audits to 5 schools in the Bristol area.

Big Give - Funding to support the delivery of the energy management platform to 8 schools.

Laser/eon - Funding to support the delivery of the Energy Sparks' energy management platform and in-school workshops to 25 Laser and eon customer schools. Delivery of the funded work was started in 2023/2024, with the first funding payment made in 2024/2025.

Shoosmiths Foundation - Funding to support 45 schools serving deprived communities around Shoosmiths offices with Energy Sparks' energy management platform and in-school workshops. This scope was subsequently varied in 2024/2025 to provide the energy management platform to 75 schools and workshops to 15 schools.

Simon Gibson Charitable Trust - Funding to support the provision of the energy management platform to 20 schools in Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and Hertfordshire.

Transition Bath workshops - Funding for in-school workshops at 3 Bath schools.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Energy Sparks

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1189273

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the year ended 31 /08 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date: 30 April 2025

Name:

Sheila Parry

Relevant professional

FCCA

qualification(s) or body
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

From 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Charity registration number: 1189273

Trustees Annual Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity registration number

1189273

Registered Office

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Trustees

Peter Andrews, Chair

Andrew Houston, Treasurer

Robert Schrimppf

Robert Cohen

Sunny Pawar

Naomi Allen

Oliver Rosevear (until 12th May 2023)

Timothy Warnes

Senior Leadership Team

Claudia Towner, Chief Executive Officer

Leigh Dodds, Chief Technology Officer

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

To promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by developing and promoting tools, services and programmes to reduce energy and resource consumption and carbon emissions.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating and informing the public, particularly but not exclusively young people about the causes and impacts of climate change, and the importance of energy saving and reducing carbon emissions.

Public Benefit

Energy Sparks' vision is a sustainable future in which the school community is at the heart of measurable action to tackle climate change. We equip children and young people with the knowledge, skills, and tools to take measurable action in their school and wider community to reduce carbon emissions. We enable school leaders, staff and communities to better understand and reduce their school's energy consumption and introduce wider measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

UK schools account for over half of local authorities' carbon emissions and therefore play a pivotal role in addressing the climate emergency. Over the last two years many schools across the UK have seen their energy bills increase very substantially placing enormous pressure on school budgets.

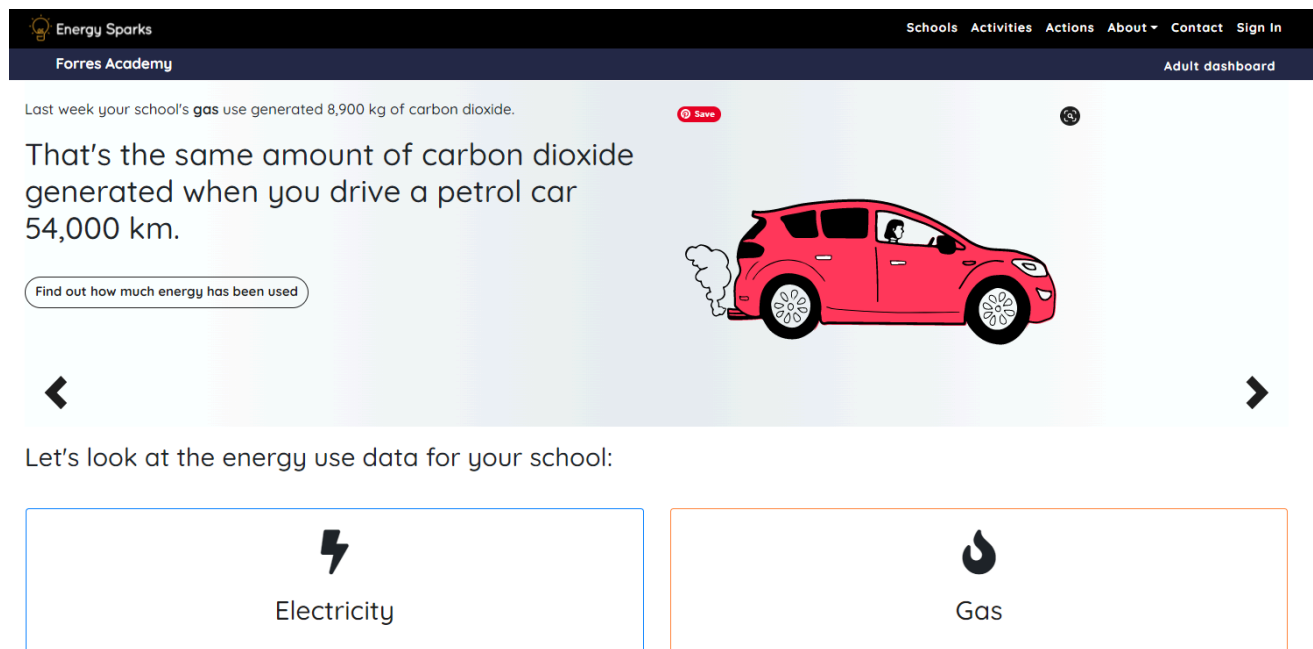
School staff are very time poor and often have little awareness of when and how much energy the school is using. Limited training is available to support non-specialist school staff with effective day-to-day energy management of their school estates, or to support staff to run effective eco-teams achieving measurable impact.

Eco-anxiety is increasing in children. Climate change education plays an important role in preparing young people for both the challenges and the opportunities of the future.

Energy Sparks addresses these issues by democratising access to school energy data, driving motivation, increasing energy and climate literacy and supporting student and staff empowerment to reduce their school's carbon footprint. Through Energy Sparks, school communities can identify no and low-cost opportunities to reduce their school energy bills and take immediate action to make a difference. They also learn energy and carbon-saving life skills to take home to their families and take forward into their future lives.

Our work complements any capital improvement projects taking place in schools, and with our focus on no and low-cost energy-saving opportunities is accessible to any school regardless of size or budget.

We provide a unique online school-specific [energy management tool](#) and education programme designed to help schools reduce their energy use and carbon footprint. Using a school's electricity, gas and solar data, Energy Sparks shows pupils, staff and volunteers how much energy their school is using each day. The online tool presents bespoke analysis of the energy data with suggestions of actions the school community could take to save energy and reduce the school's carbon emissions.



The data on Energy Sparks is publicly visible and linked to over 130 [pupil activities](#) to empower the whole school community to take energy and carbon cutting action. Our activities provide opportunities for pupils to learn about energy and climate change, analyse real life data, investigate energy use around the school site, take action to reduce their school's carbon footprint, participate in leadership and collaborative opportunities, build communication and analytical skills, influence and engage school and community leaders, and develop positive responses to climate change.

During 2022/2023 Energy Sparks was able to provide its services free of charge to just over 1000 state schools across the UK thanks to funding from charitable trusts and foundations and the government. Over 500,000 pupils had access to education opportunities to improve energy and carbon literacy, and 100 Multi-Academy Trusts and Local Authorities benefitted from better energy management for their schools.

Over the 2022/2023 school year, the average Energy Sparks primary saved at least £3,000 off their energy bill and 12.8 tonnes of CO₂, and the average secondary saved at least £12,000 and 48 tonnes of CO₂. Examples of savings achieved at participating schools are provided in the Energy Sparks' [Case Studies](#).

"No one can take action towards net zero without data and Energy Sparks provides the data. It also provides this in a pupil accessible way that enables sustainability to be integrated into the curriculum. The best chance of fighting the climate crisis is by empowering the next generation and that's what Energy Sparks does."

The HEART Education Trust



Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In managing Energy Sparks the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers

Energy Sparks is supported by its volunteer trustees who have supported the charity in a general capacity with technical guidance, personnel management, financial oversight and strategic guidance. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise the successful operation of Energy Sparks would not be possible.

Achievements and Performance

By August 2023, Energy Sparks was providing its services to 1023 schools with active Energy Sparks accounts, compared to 400 schools on 1 September 2022. Of these, 948 had their energy data visible on the Energy Sparks portal at the end of August, with the remaining schools in the process of onboarding. The participating schools extended across more than 100 Local Authorities and school trusts in England, Scotland and Wales. Pupil numbers at active schools were over 500,000. Over the last year, Energy Sparks saw significant growth in interest in our services from Multi-Academy Trusts, driven by energy price increases and a strong desire to reduce schools' carbon footprints and support pupils to learn about and take action on sustainability.

Over the 2022/2023 school year, the average Energy Sparks primary saved at least £3,000 off their energy bill and 12.8 tonnes of CO₂, and the average secondary saved at least £12,000 and 48 tonnes of CO₂. Alongside these energy and carbon savings participating students and school staff developed

energy-saving and carbon-reduction life skills that they took home to their families and communities. Examples of savings achieved at participating schools are provided in the Energy Sparks [Case Studies](#).

We obtained qualitative feedback through user research interviews, pupil focus groups and user surveys following focused interventions such as workshops, training webinars and on an annual basis. In the annual school user survey completed in March 2023, 75% of school staff respondents felt that pupils in their school were learning more about the environment and sustainability due to Energy Sparks. 84% of respondents said that pupils in their school were investigating energy use around the school site, and taking action to reduce energy use. 85% of respondents said that pupils were spreading the energy saving message across the school community. 80% of respondents said that their pupils were more confident at tackling climate change as a result of Energy Sparks and 75% of respondents said their pupils had developed transferable skills such as leadership and teamwork as a result of Energy Sparks.

In the same user survey, 88% of staff said that Energy Sparks had increased their confidence to better understand where their school was wasting energy. 86% of respondents said that Energy Sparks had increased their confidence to take action to save energy. 72% of staff felt that Energy Sparks helped them to support students to take action to protect the environment.

“At Harris Primary Academy Shortlands, we needed to take action with rising energy costs. Energy Sparks enabled us to not only understand our energy usage as a school but our impact on the environment. Being able to drill down into the energy data is not only a useful tool for staff but also the children. They have loved incorporating this in their maths lessons and as evidence when presenting their case to stakeholders at the academy.

As the impact on the environment is made clear, our ‘Eco-Warriors’ were keen to raise awareness within the school and began asking what more they could do. We found the Energy Sparks ‘Activities’ and ‘Actions’ so clear and easy to use. Some actions could be perceived as token gestures, like the labelling of switches around the academy. We can assure you this has impact. Not only does it have an impact on energy usage but it is a symbol of empowerment for the children to take responsibility and more importantly take action.

We would like to thank Energy Sparks for the impact their website has had.....”
Jordan Hollis, Headteacher at Harris Primary Academy Shortlands.

In summer 2023, we produced our first [Energy Efficiency in Schools report](#) which highlighted some of the issues facing schools regarding energy efficiency. We also focused on what low-cost, or no-cost measures can reduce school energy consumption and celebrated some of our schools that have taken action over the last year.

Focused switch-off campaigns and competitions during the school holidays delivered impressive savings. During the Easter 2023 school holidays, almost 100% of Energy Sparks schools reduced their Easter holiday gas consumption compared with the previous year and 58% reduced their electricity consumption. Over the 2 week holidays our schools saved over 8 million kWh of energy, 1,500 tonnes of CO2 and over £700,000 compared to their term time use.

Reducing thermostat set temperatures allowed schools to reduce their gas use by over 20%, while improved storage heater control to cut weekend and holiday waste has saved some schools over 30% off their annual electricity bill.

A unique feature of Energy Sparks is the way that pupils are supported to use real-life energy data to inform energy saving and educational activities. Over the last year, pupils at participating schools have recorded hundreds of activities from carrying out spot checks for lights and electrical equipment left on at lunchtime to meeting with caretakers and kitchen staff to discuss their roles in saving energy.

Monthly page views on the Energy Sparks website peaked in March 2023 at over 72,000 views during the month. 1154 pupil energy-saving activities were recorded over the 2022/2023 school year and 854 adult energy-saving actions.

During the 2022/2023 school year, Energy Sparks delivered free webinar training to 515 school staff. We delivered 127 in-person or online fully funded school education workshops. Workshops support engagement and drive impact at participating schools. Education workshops included assemblies, eco-team and class workshops, and in-person training on using Energy Sparks for eco-team leads, estate staff and business managers.

We delivered 28 funded virtual audits to help schools develop their energy action plan. Virtual energy audits take place without a physical visit to the school and are based on the energy auditor's assessment of the school's energy consumption data as presented on Energy Sparks. During the online meeting, the school representatives provide information on the school fabric, heating, hot water systems, ICT and lighting to help with the audit process. The auditor discusses any issues highlighted through the Energy Sparks analysis and provides advice on how best to reduce consumption. The main focus is on quick low-cost wins, such as looking at changing boiler timings, but the session can also review strategic capital investments, for example, looking at the benefits of upgrading to LED lighting. After the meeting, the auditor provides an action report including activities the pupils can do to help.

We delivered 25 onsite energy audits as a paid-for service by the schools or their Trust. These energy audits involve energy consumption data analysis, a site visit and use of a thermal imaging camera during the winter months, a report and action plan. Our auditor often involves pupils in the site inspection and thermal imaging survey, so that the audit becomes an educational opportunity.

We developed new school group dashboards in response to feedback from Multi-Academy Trust users. These pages are designed primarily for Multi-Academy Trust head office staff and Local Authority officers to support centralised management of their schools' energy consumption and energy-saving action recommendations. These group dashboards provide summary data on recent energy usage, energy performance comparisons, prioritised energy actions and a group scoreboard.

Plans for the future

Since the end of the reporting period, Energy Sparks has seen its income from central government cease. This has meant that the charity has had to move to a mixed funding model with fees from some schools and Trusts, Local Authorities, and Community Energy Companies as well as ongoing grants from trusts and foundations and corporate sponsorship providing free access to some schools, particularly those serving low-income areas.

Energy Sparks will continue to obtain and respond to user feedback through a variety of means to ensure our service remains useful and impactful for UK schools. Our school-specific energy management portal linked to education activities to support pupil empowerment coupled with expert school energy management support remains unique and the Energy Sparks trustees are actively exploring options to secure a long term, diverse income stream.

Financial Review

As of 31 August 2023, total Unrestricted Funds held were £93,159. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represented around 9 weeks of core running costs for the current staff team.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2023 were £63,734. This comprised £14,059 restricted funds allocated to the OVO Foundation supported charitable activities, and £49,676 allocated to the Centrica Energy for Tomorrow support charitable activities.

INCOME

Total Income up to 31 August 2023 was £464,967. The most significant income comprised £173,425 from the DfE to support the rollout of Energy Sparks to 295 schools in England with additional education workshops and virtual energy audits; £137,843 from the OVO Foundation to support the rollout of Energy Sparks to 350 schools across the UK, £67,537 from Welsh Government to support the translation of Energy Sparks into Welsh ([Sbarcynni](#)); £26,472 from the Centrica Energy for Tomorrow fund to support the rollout of Energy Sparks in Scotland and Wales, and £25,200 from Swansea Council to pay for Energy Sparks provision to all their schools.

EXPENDITURE

Total Payments up to 31 August 2023 were £499,338. The most significant payments comprised £313,617 on staff salaries, £38,133 on employee pension costs, £30,440 on freelance education workshop delivery by our subcontractors School Energy Efficiency, £29,302 on employers' National Insurance and £25,920 on freelance technology development support.

The charity's policy on reserves

In order to continue to secure and sustain the charity's viability and Energy Sparks' future availability to users, it is the Trustees' policy to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to meet staff notice and redundancy costs if ever needed, and also put the charity in a better position to absorb any temporary fluctuations in income. In the short term, Energy Sparks CIO would like to build up reserves of 3 months of its core running costs. The trustees will develop an income generation and fundraising strategy to meet this target. The Trustees will review the Reserves Policy and the amount of reserves held at least annually at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 20th March 2020

How is the charity constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

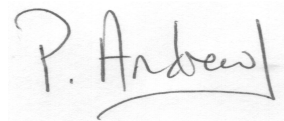
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

The charity must have at least 3 trustees in post. 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.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Full name	Position	Date	Signature
Peter Andrews	Chair	3rd May 2024	
Andrew Houston	Treasurer	3rd May 2024	

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022/2023 £	Total funds 2021/2022 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,249	-	4,249	10,164
Charitable activities	2	54,824	405,277	460,101	411,883
Investments	2	616	-	616	13
Total		59,690	405,277	464,967	422,060
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	-	21,518	21,518	2,885
Charitable activities	3	12,376	465,444	477,820	287,436
Total		12,376	486,963	499,338	290,321
Net movement in funds		47,314	(81,686)	(34,372)	131,739
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		45,845	145,420	191,265	59,526
Total funds carried forward		93,159	63,734	156,893	191,265

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2022/2023 £	Total funds 2021/2022 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		111,125	111,884	223,009	381,400
Debtors		2,933	0	2,933	1,175
Total current assets		114,059	111,884	225,943	382,575
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	20,900	48,150	69,050	191,310
Net assets		93,159	63,734	156,893	191,265
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	5		63,734	63,734	145,420
Unrestricted funds	5	93,159		93,159	45,845
Total funds		93,159	63,734	156,893	191,265

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by
Andrew Houston, Trustee on 3rd May 2024



Notes for the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2023

1. Accounting Policies

General information

The Charity is registered in England and Wales, registration number 1189273. Its registered office address is Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath BA2 7UP. The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Energy Sparks meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees are of the opinion that the charity will be a going concern for at least the next 12 months, beginning with the date on which these accounts have been approved.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities balance sheet on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

A grant payment of £25,000 was received in July 2023 from the Postcode Local Trust to support the rollout of Energy Sparks' services to schools across the West of England during the 2023/2024 school year. This was recorded as deferred income in the 2022/2023 Financial Statements.

A grant of £22,500 from Elbow Beach Capital was received in July 2023 to support schools in the 2023/2024 school year. This was also recorded as deferred income in these Financial Statements.

Finally, a payment of £20,900 from Egni Co-op to support Energy Sparks services to schools in Pembrokeshire and Newport in the 2023/2024 school year was received in August 2023 and recorded as deferred income in the 2022/2023 Financial Statements.

All voluntary support during the 2022/2023 reporting year was through the contribution of unpaid general volunteers. Their contribution has not been recorded in these accounts but is acknowledged in the trustees' report.

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 31 August 2023, the charity had limited physical assets comprising around 500 classroom thermometer cards, <10 appliance monitors, 2 second-hand mobile phones and 2 laptops. The charity's threshold for

recording physical assets as tangible fixed assets is an initial purchase cost of £1000 or more. Equipment or resources purchased for less than £1000 is recorded as an expense.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent. Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs. All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT during the 2022/2023 reporting period.

In these Financial Statements all expenditure is allocated to Charitable Activities with the exception of 30% of the CEO's salary, pension and associated costs which is allocated to Raising Funds. This represents an increase from 5% of the CEO's salary, pension and associated costs in the previous reporting period. In February 2023, the charity was made aware that the Department for Education and Welsh Government would provide no further central government grants to Energy Sparks. This decision created a need for the CEO to spend more time on sourcing new grant funding and promoting Energy Sparks as a paid for service to schools, Multi-Academy Trusts, Local Authorities and Community Energy Companies for the 2023/2024 school year.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Staff Costs

Total staff costs and employee benefits are reported in the Expenditure breakdown. No redundancy or termination payments were paid during the reporting period. One employee received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 during the reporting period.

Pensions

The charity is a member of a pension arrangement with NEST and contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activity as paid.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

Cash Flow Exemption

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

2. Income Breakdown as at 31 August 2023

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022/2023	Total funds 2021/2022	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Donations and legacies					
Corporate donations	0	4,249	4,249	1,600	
Other unrestricted income	0	0	0	8,564	
Charitable activities					
OVO Foundation	137,843	0	137,843	163,698	
Energy for Tomorrow	26,472	0	26,472	68,528	
Physical on-site audits (chargeable)	0	17,985	17,985	1,175	
DfE	173,425	0	173,425	36,575	Government grant
Welsh Government	67,537	0	67,537	84,544	Government grant
Independent school fees	0	10,845	10,845	11,523	
Education workshops (chargeable)	0	660	660	0	
Swansea Council contract	0	25,200	25,200	0	
Group state school fees	0	133	133	0	
Transition Bath BEIS NDSEMIC Phase 3 ext	0	0	0	25,840	Government grant
Postcode Local Trust grant	0	0	0	20,000	
Investments					
Interest Income	0	616	616	13	
Total Income	405,277	59,690	464,967	422,060	

3. Total Expenditure breakdown as at 31 August 2023

Expenditure category	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022/2023	Total Funds 2021/2022
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & Marketing	201	0	201	607
Audit & Accountancy fees	936	0	936	665
Bank Fees	85	0	85	118
Employers National Insurance	34,302	(5,000)	29,302	14,843
General Expenses	0	39	39	22
Insurance	483	0	483	503
IT Software and Consumables	8,686	2,846	11,533	5,333
Pensions Costs	38,133	0	38,133	21,648
Postage, Freight & Courier	3	0	3	7
Printing & Stationery	12	0	12	57
Salaries	313,617	0	313,617	180,402
Education support (freelance)	30,440	0	30,440	0
Staff Training	132	0	132	132
Subscriptions	75	0	75	75
Telephone & Internet	1,002	16	1,018	504
Travel - National	661	19	680	12
DBS checks	61	0	61	18
Technology development (freelance)	25,920	0	25,920	34,232
User research incentives	1,900	100	2,000	225
Illustration and Design support	150	0	150	2,750
Audit support (freelance)	1,965	13,940	15,905	5,500
Translation	9,522	334	9,856	15,441
Energy expert consultancy	10,730	0	10,730	1,721
Meeting venues	66	0	66	0
Prizes	7,880	0	7,880	0
Staff entertainment	0	81	81	0
DCC Other User licence fee	0	0	0	3,600
Strategy support	0	0	0	1,875
Volunteer Training	0	0	0	30
Total Expenditure	486,963	12,376	499,338	290,321

Notes: 30% of CEO salary, pension and employers NI costs are allocated to Raising Funds and included in this table. The DCC Other User licence fee is included in IT Software and Consumables in the 2022/2023 accounts.

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022/2023	2021/2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	650	4,421
Accruals	0	13,464
Income in Advance	68,400	173,425
Total Creditors	69,050	191,310

5. Fund Breakdown as at 31 August 2023

Account	Total	OVO Foundation grant	DfE	Welsh Government	Centrica Energy for Tomorrow	Postcode Local Trust	Drax Foundation	Elbow Beach	Fuellers Charitable Trust	Bristol City Leap	Unrestricted
		Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£		
Balance at 1 September 2022	191,265	48,755	26,616	24,933	36,508	8,608	0	0	0	0	45,845
Total Income	464,967	137,843	173,425	67,537	26,472	0	0	0	0	0	59,690
Total Expenditure	499,338	172,539	200,041	92,470	13,305	8,608	0	0	0	0	12,376
Income minus expenditure	(34,372)	(34,696)	(26,616)	(24,933)	13,167	(8,608)	0	0	0	0	47,314
Balance at 31 August 2023	156,893	14,059	(0)	0	49,676	0	0	0	0	0	93,159



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Energy Sparks

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1189273

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the year ended 31 /08 / 2024.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date: 03 May 2024

Name:

Sheila Parry

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities

From 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022

Charity registration number: 1189273

Trustees Annual Report

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity registration number

1189273

Registered Office

Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath, BA2 7UP

Trustees

Peter Andrews, Chair

Andrew Houston, Treasurer (from 10th December 2021)

Robert Schrimpf

Robert Cohen

Thomas Davies, Treasurer (until 16th February 2022)

Sunny Pawar

Naomi Allen

Oliver Rosevear

Timothy Warnes

Senior Leadership Team

Claudia Towner, Chief Executive Officer and Programme Director

Leigh Dodds, Chief Technology Officer

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document are:

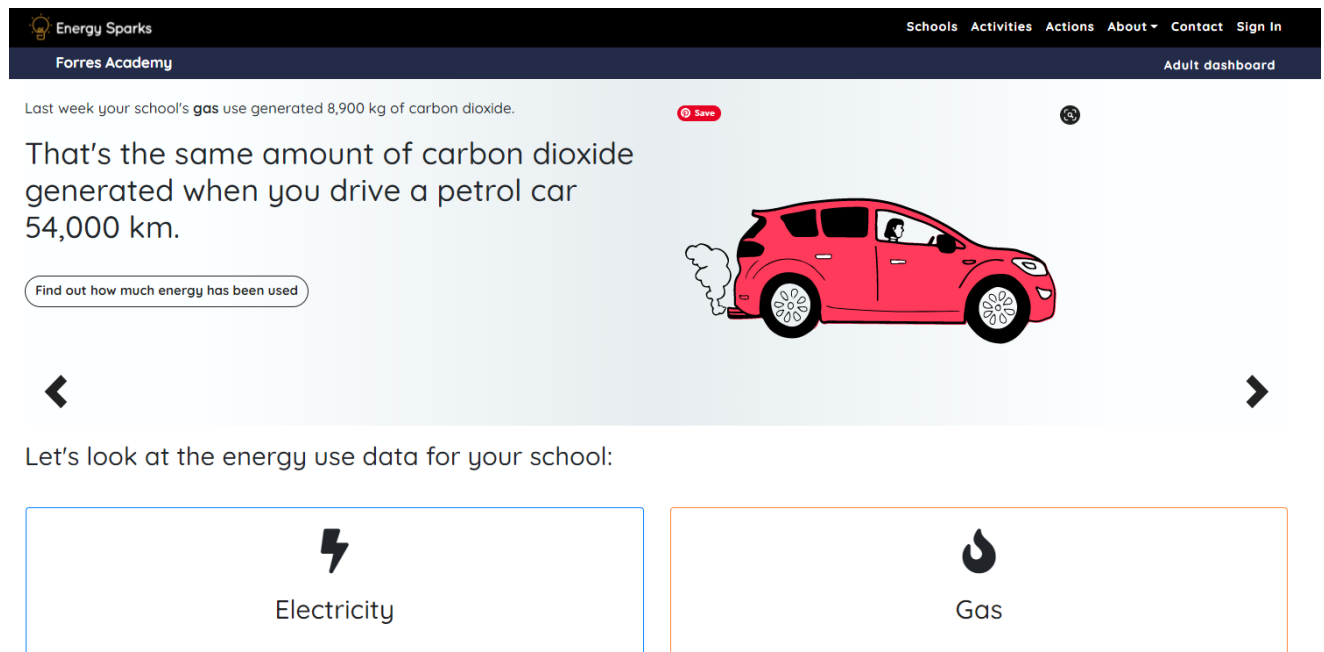
To promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by developing and promoting tools, services and programmes to reduce energy and resource consumption and carbon emissions.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating and informing the public, particularly but not exclusively young people about the causes and impacts of climate change, and the importance of energy saving and reducing carbon emissions.

Public Benefit

Energy Sparks' vision is a sustainable future in which the school community is at the heart of measurable action to tackle climate change. We equip children and young people with the knowledge, skills, and tools to take measurable action in their school and wider community to reduce carbon emissions. We enable school leaders, staff and communities to better understand and reduce their school's energy consumption and introduce wider measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

Energy Sparks provides a unique online school specific [energy management tool](#) and education programme designed to help schools reduce their energy use and carbon footprint. Using a school's electricity, gas and solar data, Energy Sparks shows pupils, staff and volunteers how much energy their school is using each day. The online tool presents bespoke analysis of the energy data with suggestions of actions the school community could take to save energy and reduce the school's carbon emissions. Pupils, staff and community volunteers use this information to help the school to save energy, and help protect the environment.



The data on Energy Sparks is publicly visible and linked to over 100 [pupil activities](#) to empower the whole school community to take energy and carbon cutting action. Our activities provide opportunities for pupils to learn about energy and climate change, analyse real life data, investigate energy use around the school site, take action to reduce their school's carbon footprint, participate in leadership and collaborative opportunities, build communication and analytical skills, influence and engage school and community leaders, and develop positive responses to climate change.

To date, Energy Sparks has been able to provide its services free of charge to state schools across the UK thanks to our funding from charitable trusts and foundations and the government. Independent (private) schools pay an annual fee for access to our energy management tool.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In managing Energy Sparks the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers

Energy Sparks is supported by its volunteer trustees who have supported the charity in a general capacity with technical guidance, personnel management, financial oversight and strategic guidance. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise the successful operation of Energy Sparks would not be possible.

Achievements and Performance

By August 2022, Energy Sparks was providing its services to 400 schools, compared to 174 schools on 1 September 2021. Of these, 368 had their energy data visible on the Energy Sparks portal at the end of August, with the remaining schools in the process of onboarding. The participating schools extended across more than 30 Local Authorities, 14 MATs, and 1 independent school group in England, Scotland and Wales. Pupil numbers at active schools were over 182,000. Since April 2022, Energy Sparks has seen significant growth in interest in its services from Multi-Academy Trusts, driven by energy price increases and a strong desire to reduce schools' carbon footprints and support pupils to learn about and take action on sustainability.

Some Energy Sparks schools with at least 2 years of gas data were able to demonstrate very impressive savings of more than 30% off their gas bills over the 2021/2022 school year. Our top saving schools and their gas savings in 2021/2022 are summarised in the table below:

	Percentage reduction in gas used	Cost saving (£)	Carbon saving in tonnes of CO2
Long Furlong Primary	36%	£1520	10.7
Seaford Primary	34%	£1030	7.2
Little Horsted Primary	31%	£910	6.4
Saundersfoot Primary	32%	£3330	23.1
Mary Immaculate Primary	34%	£1480	10.4
Kensington Prep	36%	£4580	32.4
Newick Primary	31%	£1970	13.8
Durham St Margaret's Primary	34%	£3370	23.6

We ran targeted communications campaigns to get schools to cut their energy use during the school holidays. During the 2021/2022 Christmas holidays, 63% of schools on Energy Sparks saw gas savings and 57% saw electricity savings when we compared their Christmas 2021/2022 holiday consumption with Christmas 2020/2021 and compensated for differences in outside temperature for gas. In terms of money savings, our

biggest saver for gas was Newcastle High School for Girls Senior School which saved around £1980, a 65% reduction in gas use compared to the previous Christmas holidays. Our top saving state secondary was Belvedere Academy in Liverpool which saved over £800, a 33% reduction in gas use, and our top saving state primary was Ysgol Gymraeg Casnewydd in Newport which saved £700, a 85% reduction in gas use. The following primary schools managed to reduce their holiday gas consumption over Christmas 2021/2022 by over 90%:

- Toft Hill Primary, Durham
- Peasmarsh Primary, East Sussex
- Marshfield Primary, Newport
- Witton Gilbert Primary, Durham

For electricity, our biggest savers were Northwood College which saved around £2230 (23% reduction), Dorothy Stringer School, Brighton which saved £1730 (41% reduction) and Saltford Primary School which saved £1450 (78% reduction).

Monthly page views on the Energy Sparks website peaked in March 2022 at over 31,000 views during the month.

During the 2021/2022 school year, Energy Sparks delivered free general induction webinar training to 60 school staff, and eco-team lead training to 39 school staff. We delivered 16 in-person or online fully funded school education workshops over the year, and ran workshops at the Schools' Climate Education South Yorkshire (SCESY) conference. Workshops support engagement and drive impact at participating schools. Education workshops included assemblies, eco-team and class workshops, and in-person training on using Energy Sparks for eco-team leads, estate staff and business managers. Take-up of workshops in 2021/2022 was still low due to the impact of Covid on schools.

We delivered 12 virtual audits to help schools develop their energy action plan. Virtual energy audits take place without a physical visit to the school and are based on the energy auditor's assessment of the school's energy consumption data as presented on Energy Sparks. During the online meeting, the school representatives provide information on the school fabric, heating, hot water systems, ICT and lighting to help with the audit process. The auditor discusses any issues highlighted through the Energy Sparks analysis and provides advice on how best to reduce consumption. The main focus is on quick low-cost wins, such as looking at changing boiler timings, but the session can also review strategic capital investments, for example, looking at the benefits of upgrading to LED lighting. After the meeting, the auditor provides an action report including activities the pupils can do to help. To date, virtual energy audits have been available free of charge to state schools (maintained and academies), and are chargeable for independent schools.

In 2021/2022, Energy Sparks developed its resources to support schools to take action on their wider carbon footprint beyond building energy use. These included [a new programme focused on cutting the carbon impact of food Waste](#) - bringing together 7 activities focused on food waste. This included a prototype food waste carbon footprint tool which we tested with schools in Bath and NE Somerset.

We also fully integrated our school travel carbon footprint app into the main Energy Sparks website. We carried out further testing of the app at primary schools both as a school gate survey tool and a registration survey tool, with further updates implemented as a result of the feedback received.

We made significant improvements to the presentation and user journey through our pupil activities and adult actions across Energy Sparks which led to a significant increase in pupil activities and adult-led actions recorded on Energy Sparks. 256 pupil activities and 142 adult-led actions were recorded over the 2021/2022 school year.

We introduced new target setting and tracking functionality. Schools that set an energy saving target are more likely to achieve their energy reduction goals. Once targets are set, Energy Sparks provides reports to monitor schools' progress, suggests ways to reduce consumption via the school dashboard, weekly alerts, and reminders and suggests activities for pupils to help engage the whole school. By August 2022, 50 schools had set a target to reduce their consumption by up to 10%, and many schools had exceeded their targets, for example, Pennar Primary in Pembrokeshire cut their gas consumption by 26% from when they set their target on 1 March 2022. They largely achieved this impressive reduction by turning off their heating after the Easter holidays, resulting in a reduction in gas use of 81% in May and 66% in June compared to 2021.

We increased the prominence of the carbon impact of a school's energy use across the dashboards, charts and analysis. Users can now switch between different y axes (kWh, £ or kg CO₂) increasing energy and carbon literacy.

We carried out user research to get feedback on our more detailed adult analysis pages to understand what we need to do to get the insights from these pages supporting more action. This feedback and some professional user experience expertise has subsequently supported a redesign of our analysis pages focused on adult and older student users.

Energy Sparks established data feeds from a number of new energy suppliers allowing us to support more schools with our energy management portal.

We developed a strong relationship with Egni Co-op who provided a series of in person and online energy saving workshops to primary and secondary schools across South Wales using Energy Sparks data and education resources. In 2021/2022, these workshops were funded from Egni's own income.

Energy Sparks secured a new grant from the Department for Education to support the rollout of Energy Sparks' services to 295 schools across the UK between June 2022 and August 2023 with 85 supporting education workshops and virtual audits.

We received new funding from the Welsh Government to provide a full translation of Energy Sparks into Welsh. The initial work completed in 2021/2022 focused on the education content and pupil and adult dashboards. Translation of the more detailed analysis pages will be completed by spring 2023. The translation of Energy Sparks into Welsh will allow a wider rollout of Energy Sparks services across Wales and provide opportunities to integrate sustainability and energy saving into the Welsh language curriculum.

New funding was received from Centrica's Energy for Tomorrow fund to support the rollout of Energy Sparks' services in Scotland. Due to insufficient take up in Scotland, the geographical scope was subsequently expanded to include schools in Wales.

New funding was also received from the Postcode Local Trust to support Energy Sparks' work in the west of England including education workshops and virtual audits.

We continued to receive funding from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to support the development and testing of Energy Sparks' interface with SMET2 meters installed in schools. For historical contract reasons, these funds continued to be paid via the charity, Transition Bath, with Energy Sparks acting as a sub-contractor.

With the new funding, Energy Sparks was able to expand its staff team to 4 fulltime and 4 part time staff (2 of these new staff started in September 2022). This extra team capacity allowed us to meet demand to set up new school accounts, resolve meter and energy data issues liaising with the schools' energy suppliers and meter operators, maintain and improve our online energy management tool particularly the infrastructure updates necessary to support Welsh translation, support Multi-Academy Trust (MAT) management and MAT portfolio reporting and support increasing numbers of schools with energy management challenges.

Plans for the future

Since the end of the reporting period, Energy Sparks has continued to see high levels of interest from new schools, so that by the end of March 2023 Energy Sparks is supporting over 1000 schools. Energy Sparks aims to support schools to achieve energy savings of at least 10% in their first year of engagement, resulting in cost savings of between £2,500 to £6000 (depending on tariffs) and 8 tonnes of CO2 based on an average 2 form entry primary school. Our most engaged schools are achieving savings of up to 30%, typically by addressing holiday use, weekend use and heating start times. Our inspiring in-person education workshops and assemblies remain a popular service driving more pupil and staff engagement. Rising energy prices and the provision of capital funding for energy saving improvements from the Department for Education have also created demand for on-site energy audits which are provided as a charged for service to schools.

Energy Sparks will continue to obtain and respond to user feedback through a variety of means to ensure our service remains useful and impactful for UK schools. Our school specific energy management portal linked to education activities to support pupil empowerment coupled with expert school energy management support remains unique and the Energy Sparks trustees are actively exploring options to secure a long term, diverse income stream that allows us to provide a free or subsidised offer to as many schools as possible.

Financial Review

As of 31 August 2022, total Unrestricted Funds held were £45,845. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represent around 6 weeks of core running costs for the current staff team. The trustees will aim to build up these reserves over the 2022/2023 financial year.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2022 were £145,420. This comprised £48,755 restricted funds allocated to the OVO Foundation supported charitable activities, £26,616 allocated to the DfE supported charitable activities, £24,933 allocated to the Welsh translation of Energy Sparks supported by Welsh Government, £36,508 allocated to the Centrica Energy for Tomorrow support charitable activities, and £8,608 allocated to the Postcode Local Trust support work.

INCOME

Total Income up to 31 August 2022 was £422,060. The most significant income comprised £163,698 from the OVO Foundation to cover core operating costs to rollout Energy Sparks to 250 schools across the UK, £84,544 from Welsh Government to support the translation of Energy Sparks into Welsh ([Sbarcynni](#)) and £68,528 from the Centrica Energy for Tomorrow fund to support the rollout of Energy Sparks in Scotland (and subsequently Wales).

A grant payment of £210,000 was received by the Department for Education in June 2022 to support the rollout of Energy Sparks' services to schools across England, including provision of our energy management tool to 295 new schools and delivery of 85 education workshops or virtual audits. £36,575 from this grant payment has been recorded as income in the 2021/2022 reporting year as Energy Sparks was providing its energy management tool to 77 out of the 295 new schools target by the end of the school year. The balance of the grant is recorded as deferred income to the 2022/2023 reporting year.

EXPENDITURE

Total Payments up to 31 August 2022 were £290,321. The most significant payments comprised £180,402 on staff salaries, £34,232 on freelance technology development, £21,648 on employee pension costs, £15,441 on Welsh translation and £14,843 on employers' National Insurance.

The charity's policy on reserves

In order to continue to secure and sustain the charity's viability and Energy Sparks' future availability to users, it is the Trustees' policy to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to meet staff notice and

redundancy costs if ever needed, and also put the charity in a better position to absorb any temporary fluctuations in income. In the short term, Energy Sparks CIO would like to build up reserves of 3 months of its core running costs. The trustees will develop an income generation and fundraising strategy to meet this target. The Trustees will review the Reserves Policy and the amount of reserves held at least annually at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 20th March 2020

How is the charity constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

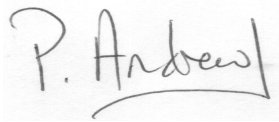
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees

The charity must have at least 3 trustees in post. 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.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Full name	Position	Date	Signature
Peter Andrews	Chair	15th May 2023	
Andrew Houston	Treasurer	15th May 2023	

Energy Sparks

Registered charity: 1189273

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021/2022 £	Total funds 2020/2021 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	10,164	-	10,164	2,609
Charitable activities	2	38,538	373,345	411,883	218,665
Investments	2	13	-	13	-
Total		48,715	373,345	422,060	221,274
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	-	2,885	2,885	2,784
Charitable activities	3	24,523	262,913	287,436	158,964
Total		24,523	265,798	290,321	161,748
Net movement in funds		24,192	107,547	131,739	59,526
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		21,652	37,873	59,526	-
Total funds carried forward		45,845	145,420	191,265	59,526

Balance sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021/2022 £	Total funds 2020/2021 £
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		44,670	336,730	381,400	59,526
Debtors		1,175		1,175	0
Total current assets		45,845	336,730	382,575	59,526
Liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	0	191,310	191,310	0
Net assets		45,845	145,420	191,265	59,526
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	5		145,420	145,420	37,873
Unrestricted funds	5	45,845		45,845	21,652
Total funds		45,845	145,420	191,265	59,526

The Financial Statements were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by
 Andrew Houston, Trustee on 15th May 2023:



Notes for the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2022

1. Accounting Policies

General information

The Charity is registered in England and Wales, registration number 1189273. Its registered office address is Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath BA2 7UP. The financial statements have been prepared in GBP and all amounts have been rounded to the nearest £.

Accounting policies

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Energy Sparks meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

Comparison with 2020/2021

The previous accounts were for the period from 20 March 2020 to 31 August 2021. The start date being the charity's foundation. The previous accounts were presented on a Receipts and Payments basis.

Going concern

The accounts have been prepared on the going concern basis as the trustees are of the opinion that the charity will be a going concern for at least the next 12 months, beginning with the date on which these accounts have been approved.

Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the statement of financial activities balance sheet on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income.

A grant payment of £210,000 was received by the Department for Education in June 2022 to support the rollout of Energy Sparks' services to schools across England, including provision of the energy management tool to 295 schools and delivery of 85 education workshops or virtual audits. £36,575 from this grant payment has been recorded as income in the 2021/2022 reporting year as Energy Sparks was providing its energy management tool to 77 out of the 295 schools target by August 2022. The balance of the grant being £173,425 is recorded as deferred income.

To date voluntary support has been through the contribution of unpaid general volunteers. Their contribution has not been recorded in these accounts but is acknowledged in the trustees' report.

Tangible Fixed Assets

As of 31 August 2022, the charity had limited physical assets comprising around 500 classroom thermometer cards, <10 appliance monitors, 1 second-hand mobile phone and 1 laptop. The charity's threshold for recording physical assets as tangible fixed assets is an initial purchase cost of £1000 or more. Equipment or resources purchased for less than £1000 is recorded as an expense.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent. Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs. All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

In these Financial Statements all expenditure is allocated to Charitable Activities with the exception of 5% of the CEO's salary, pension and associated costs which is allocated to Raising Funds.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at rates of exchange ruling at the reporting date.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advance payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Staff Costs

Total staff costs and employee benefits are reported in the Expenditure breakdown. No redundancy or termination payments were paid during the reporting period. No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) of more than £60,000 during the reporting period.

Pensions

The charity is a member of a pension arrangement with NEST and contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activity as paid.

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with the charity or a related entity. No trustee expenses have been incurred.

Cash Flow Exemption

The financial statements do not include a cash flow statement because the charity, as a small reporting entity, is exempt from the requirement to prepare such a statement.

Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees for the furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

2. Income Breakdown as at 31 August 2022

	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021/2022	Total funds 2020/2021	Notes
	£	£	£	£	
Donations and legacies					
Corporate sponsorship	0	1,600	1,600	0	
Other unrestricted income	0	8,564	8,564	2,609	
Charitable activities					
OVO Foundation grant	163,698	0	163,698	181,935	
Transition Bath BEIS NDSEMIC Phase 3 ext	0	25,840	25,840	26,410	Government grant
Income from independent schools	0	11,523	11,523	6,740	
Postcode Local Trust grant	20,000	0	20,000	0	
Energy for Tomorrow grant	68,528	0	68,528	0	
Fees for on-site audits	0	1,175	1,175	0	
Department for Education grant	36,575	0	36,575	0	Government grant
Welsh Government grant	84,544	0	84,544	0	Government grant
BWCE Volunteering project grant	0	0	0	3,580	
Investments					
Interest Income	0	13	13	0	
Total Income	373,345	48,715	422,060	221,274	

3. Total Expenditure breakdown as at 31 August 2022

Expenditure category	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2021/2022	Total Funds 2020/2021
	£	£	£	£
Advertising & Marketing	607	0	607	0
Audit & Accountancy fees	665	0	665	171
Bank Fees	118	0	118	89
Employers National Insurance	17,936	(3,092)	14,843	1,890
General Expenses	22	0	22	0
Insurance	503	0	503	684
IT Software and Consumables	4,958	375	5,333	311
Pensions Costs	19,544	2,105	21,648	12,464
Postage, Freight & Courier	0	7	7	7
Printing & Stationery	42	16	57	10
Salaries	162,864	17,538	180,402	103,864
School support (freelance)	0	0	0	500
Staff Training	132	0	132	99
Subscriptions	75	0	75	75
Telephone & Internet	504	0	504	0
Travel - National	12	0	12	0
DBS checks	18	0	18	109
Technology development (freelance)	34,232	0	34,232	40,840
Volunteer Training	30	0	30	75
Communications support	0	0	0	500
User research incentives	125	100	225	60
Illustration and Design support	2,750	0	2,750	0
Strategy support	0	1,875	1,875	0
Audit support (freelance)	3,500	2,000	5,500	0
DCC Other User licence fee	0	3,600	3,600	0
Translation	15,441	0	15,441	0
Energy expert consultancy	1,721	0	1,721	0
Total Expenditure	265,798	24,523	290,321	161,748

Note: 5% of CEO salary, pension and employers NI costs are allocated to Raising Funds and included in this table.

4. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021/2022	2020/2021
	£	£
Trade creditors	4,421	0
Accruals	13,464	0
Income in Advance	173,425	0
Total Creditors	191,310	0

5. Fund Breakdown as at 31 August 2022

Account	Total	OVO Foundation grant	Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy grant	Bath and West Community Energy Volunteering project grant	Centrica Energy for Tomorrow grant	Postcode Local Trust grant	Welsh Government grant	Department for Education grant	General
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Restricted	Unrestricted
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 September 2021	59,526	36,465	6,804	1,409	0	0	0	0	14,849
Total Income	422,060	163,698	18,829	0	68,528	20,000	84,544	36,575	29,887
Total Expenditure	290,321	151,408	25,632	1,409	32,020	11,392	59,611	9,959	(1,109)
Income minus Expenditure	131,739	12,290	(6,804)	(1,409)	36,508	8,608	24,933	26,616	30,996
Balance at 31 August 2022	191,265	48,755	0	0	36,508	8,608	24,933	26,616	45,845



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Energy Sparks

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1189273

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the CIO") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Sheila Parry

Date: 17 May 2023

Name:

Sheila Parry

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 20th March 2020 To 31st August 2021

Charity name: Energy Sparks

Charity registration number: 1189273

Registered address: Fairlawn, Park Corner, Freshford, Bath, BA2 7UP

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

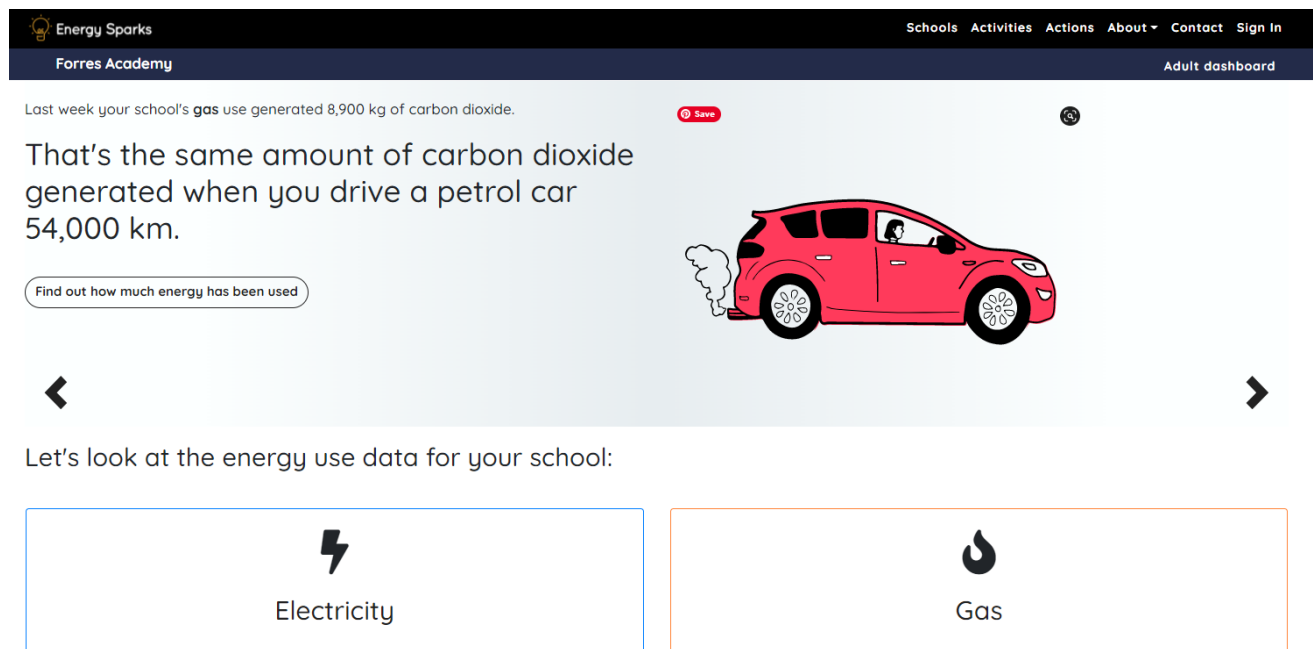
To promote for the public benefit, the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by developing and promoting tools, services and programmes to reduce energy and resource consumption and carbon emissions.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating and informing the public, particularly but not exclusively young people about the causes and impacts of climate change, and the importance of energy saving and reducing carbon emissions.

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit

Energy Sparks provides an [online energy analysis tool](#) and energy education programme specifically designed to help schools reduce their electricity and gas usage through the analysis of smart meter data. Energy Sparks helps pupils and the wider school community to reduce their school's carbon emissions, and make a real contribution to addressing the 'climate emergency'.

Using a school's electricity, gas and solar data, Energy Sparks shows pupils, staff and volunteers how much energy their school is using each day. The online tool presents bespoke analysis of the energy data with suggestions of actions the school community could take to save energy and reduce the school's carbon emissions. Pupils, staff and community volunteers use this information to help the school to save energy, and help protect the environment.



During 2020/2021 Energy Sparks provided over 70 publicly available energy related [activities](#) which pupils participated in through eco-teams or class based learning.

Through the online tool and education programme pupils, school staff and the wider school community increased knowledge of why and how they should reduce carbon emissions to prevent climate change and protect the environment. Participating schools worked toward becoming more energy efficient with reduced carbon emissions and cost savings. Participating pupils shared energy saving and carbon reduction messages with the wider community resulting in further action to prevent climate change.

To date, Energy Sparks has been able to provide its services free of charge to state schools across the UK thanks to our funding from charitable trusts and foundations and the government. Independent (private) schools pay an annual fee for access to our energy management tool.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

In managing Energy Sparks the trustees had due regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance.

Contribution made by volunteers

A great contribution is made to Energy Sparks by its volunteer trustees who have supported the charity with technical guidance, personnel management, financial oversight and strategic guidance. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise the successful operation of Energy Sparks would not be possible. A small number of parent and student volunteers have supported Energy Sparks engagement at their local school. Their contribution has greatly increased impact at those schools.

Achievements and Performance

In 2011 the charity, Transition Bath started supporting Bath area schools to reduce their energy consumption through professional energy audits and analysis of their smart meter data via one-off data

downloads obtained from the local authority. In 2016 Transition Bath, in collaboration with Bath Hacked started developing the Energy Sparks website with the aim of providing broader access to school's smart meter data, school-specific energy management expertise and also to educate school children about energy and the importance of reducing carbon emissions. This initial development of the website was supported with small grant funding from a number of charitable sources including OVO Foundation, Bath and West Community Energy, the Open Data Institute and the Naturesave Trust. In September 2017, Energy Sparks was launched to 11 schools in Bath and NE Somerset (B&NES).

In early 2018 Transition Bath was awarded a two year funding contract by the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through their flagship Non-Domestic Smart Energy Management Innovation Competition (NDSEMIC) to significantly develop the Energy Sparks website, including the provision of advanced energy data analysis, school specific advice and alerts, design focused improvements to the user experience and improved educational support materials. Significant in-school testing and evaluation was carried out working with Paper user research and design studio, and Ipsos Mori, and we rolled out free access to the website and associated educational support to more than 65 primary and secondary schools (24,000 pupils) across five local authority groups, B&NES, Sheffield, Somerset, the Highlands of Scotland and Oxfordshire, and one independent schools' trust, the Girls Day School Trust. Energy Sparks also developed additional data presentation functionality for schools with solar PV, whereby they can explore their solar generation, consumption and export data on Energy Sparks providing additional opportunities for learning and monitoring.

Most schools participating with Energy Sparks can expect to achieve energy savings of 10% in their first year of engagement with Energy Sparks, resulting in cost savings of around £2400 and 8 tonnes of CO₂ based on an average 2 form entry primary school.

Some participating schools demonstrated significant progress with energy savings, including Freshford Church School (20% reduction), Pensford Primary School (19% reduction), and Trinity First School (29% reduction), and Energy Sparks developed [case studies](#) highlighting these success stories.

As the headteacher at one of Energy Sparks' participating schools said:

'Energy Sparks has enabled children at Freshford to investigate how energy is used in different parts of the school and devise strategies to reduce the school's consumption. The children's enthusiasm was kick-started by the competitive element and they've worked effectively with staff and the local community to think innovatively about what we can do to reduce our impact on the environment and reduce costs. The children developed and presented evidence-based initiatives to the school's business managers, securing installation of energy-efficient lighting and kitchen equipment, movement-sensor-switches, and a solar-panel campaign.'

The Energy Sparks resources are inspirational, powerful and transformational tools for all schools that will enable them to reduce their CO₂ footprint, save money and help children to develop a powerful can-do attitude towards the challenges of global warming.'

In March 2020, the Energy Sparks project transitioned to a separate charity, 'Energy Sparks' in recognition of its nationwide reach. In July 2020, Energy Sparks secured a 3 year funding contract from the OVO Foundation for £483,476 to cover its core operational costs from 1st July 2020 to 31st August 2023, and to support the roll out of the programme to 150 schools by summer 2021, 250 by summer 2022 and 350 by summer 2023. As of the end of August 2021, 150 schools were participating with their Energy Sparks accounts fully visible including their energy consumption data. A further 24 were in the process of setting up their accounts.

Since inception Energy Sparks' educational programme has provided more than 60 free school visits. These visits have kick-started schools' energy saving actions and generated first hand user feedback to support our ongoing improvement of Energy Sparks around user experience, site navigation, functionality value, pupil activity value, accessibility and the challenges facing schools with effective energy management.

The visits generally comprise meetings with lead staff (eco-team lead teachers or classroom assistants, head teachers, business managers, site managers and caretakers), assemblies for pupils and eco-team/School Council sessions. Staff meetings cover an introduction to Energy Sparks, the energy data and analysis for their school, initial energy saving priorities which they could address, bespoke support with metering and heating system controls, and possible pupil activity programmes to address the energy management challenges for their school. Eco-team/School Council sessions include an introduction to the importance of saving energy and climate change, an introduction to Energy Sparks and some of the data for their school, and participation in a selection of Energy Sparks activities.

Due to Covid restrictions, most schools limited education workshops and visits from external providers from March 2020 onwards. We responded to this challenge by offering online training webinars providing a general introduction to Energy Sparks for all adult users. Up to 31 August 2021, Energy Sparks delivered online training webinars to 125 school staff. We also responded to the Covid restrictions by offering virtual energy audit sessions at participating schools. These took the form of a 1 hour video call between our energy auditor and staff and students at participating schools. Our auditor took the school team through the Energy Sparks data, analysis and advice, supporting the school to develop an energy action plan, and to address any heating and lighting control issues and behaviour change improvements.

In January 2021, Energy Sparks started another BEIS funded contract extension under the Non Domestic Smart Energy Management Innovation Competition (NDSEMIC) to deliver:

- An interface between Energy Sparks and the DCC (Data Communications Company) for electricity data from the latest generation SMETS2 meters installed in schools
- Automatic uploading of meter tariffs and standing charges from the DCC to Energy Sparks
- A streamlined onboarding process for schools to Energy Sparks
- Live display of electricity consumption data

The funding of £115,750 was awarded to Transition Bath. Energy Sparks is delivering the work as a contractor of Transition Bath, in partnership with a number of other sub-contractors. This work is due to end in March 2022.

In early 2020, Energy Sparks secured a small grant from Bath and West Community Energy to deliver a Volunteering programme to support Energy Sparks schools in Bath and NE Somerset with parent, community and student volunteers to drive more engagement and impact. In early 2020 we focused on the initial development of the volunteering programme. We developed volunteering policies and procedures including safer recruitment. We recruited student volunteers from Bath University and developed volunteer induction materials. We established a successful partnership with the nationwide STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Ambassadors programme, and provided training sessions for a small number of student and parent volunteers and 80 STEM Ambassadors. We promoted volunteers to Energy Sparks schools in B&NES and nationally, but actual volunteer visits to schools were prevented by the Covid lockdowns and restrictions on visitors once schools reopened. As schools move out of Covid restrictions we plan to rejuvenate our volunteering programme making the most of volunteer enthusiasm and time to drive engagement and impact at participating schools.

Alongside the webinar training sessions and online audits detailed above, we produced [online videos](#) to support new adult users and eco-teams, delivered virtual assemblies and online eco-team training for pupils. We also developed [home learning resources](#) supporting children and young people to investigate their home energy use and learn about renewable energy. Schools such as [Widcombe Infant School](#) participated enthusiastically with these home learning activities taking Energy Sparks impact home to pupil's families.

We collected feedback from participating pupil's parents about the impact of their child's participation on their home energy use:

"Sofia has encouraged her family to take action, we have installed a smart meter so we are more aware of our energy use, we no longer have the heating on on weekday mornings in the winter (when we are only in the house to get ready for school and work)..."

In spring 2021, Energy Sparks secured a 3 year contract to provide its services to the Girls Day School Trust (GDST), a group of 25 independent schools – 23 schools and two academies catering for girls aged 3 to 18 in England and Wales. It is the largest group of independent schools in the UK, and educates 20,000 girls each year. Alongside provision of our energy management tool and education programme, the contract includes provision for additional complementary services including education workshops and physical audits.

In October 2020 we produced a film highlighting energy saving activity at Freshford School in partnership with Energy Sparks - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgoKZjwgm0Y&t=1s> This was shared widely at the Transform our World Youth Climate Summit in both November 2020 and November 2021, and a cut down version was shared by HM Government SW on Twitter during COP26 - <https://twitter.com/HMGSouthWest/status/1458440040661622785>

Freshford Church School and Trinity First School in Frome's Energy Sparks participation were also featured on BBC Newsround in April 2020- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/52160277>

Energy Sparks actively promotes its ongoing work on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/EnergySparks>

Financial Review

As of 31 August 2021, Unrestricted Funds receipts exceeded payments by £21,652. No transfers from Unrestricted Funds to Restricted Funds were required. These unrestricted funds represent around 1 month of core running costs. The trustees will aim to build up these reserves over the 2021/2022 financial year.

Restricted Funds at 31 August 2021 were £37,873. This comprises £36,465 restricted funds allocated to the OVO Foundation funded work, and £1,409 allocated to the Bath and West Community Energy funded Volunteering project.

RECEIPTS

Total Receipts up to 31 August 2021 were £221,274. The most significant receipts comprised £181,935 from the OVO Foundation to cover core operating costs to rollout Energy Sparks to 150 schools across the UK, and £26,410 from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to support the development of the interface between Energy Sparks and the latest generation SMETS2 meters,

PAYMENTS

Total Payments up to 31 August 2021 were £161,748. The most significant payments comprised £103,864 on staff salaries, £40,840 on freelance technology development, £12,464 on employee pension costs.

The charity's policy on reserves

In order to continue to secure and sustain the charity's viability and Energy Sparks' future availability to users, it is the Trustees' policy to aim to hold sufficient funds in unrestricted reserves to meet staff notice and redundancy costs if ever needed, and also put the charity in a better position to absorb any temporary fluctuations in income. In the short term, Energy Sparks CIO would like to build up reserves of 3 months of its core running costs. The trustees will develop an income generation and fundraising strategy to meet this target. The Trustees will review the Reserves Policy and the amount of reserves held at least annually at the AGM.

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 20th March 2020

How is the charity constituted

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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

The charity must have at least 3 trustees in post. 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.

Trustees

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Peter Andrews	Chair	
Leigh Dodds		Until 24th May 2021
Robert Schrimppff		
Robert Cohen		
Jamie Beevor		Until 2nd August 2021
Thomas Davies	Treasurer	from 19th November2020
Sunny Pawar		from 19th November2020
Naomi Allen		from 19th November2020
Oliver Rosevear		from 19th November2020
Tom Warnes		from 19th November2020

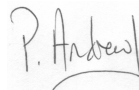
Names of senior staff

Name of staff member	Office	Dates acted if not for whole year
Claudia Towner	CEO and Programme Director	from 15th July 2020
Leigh Dodds	CTO	from 1st June 2021

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Full name	Position	Date	Signature
Peter Andrews	Chair	29th March 2022	
Andrew Houston	Treasurer	29th March 2022	

Energy Sparks

A registered charity in England and Wales, registration 1189273.

Receipts and payments accounts from 20 March 2020 to 31 August 2021

Account	Total Funds	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	£	£	£
Receipts			
OVO Foundation grant	181,935	181,935	0
Start-up contribution from Transition Bath	2,609	0	2,609
Transition Bath BEIS NDSEMIC Phase 3 ext contract	26,410	0	26,410
BWCE Volunteering grant	3,580	3,580	0
GDST fees	6,740	0	6,740
Total Receipts	221,274	185,515	35,759
Payments			
Audit & Accountancy fees	171	171	0
Bank Fees	89	89	0
Employers National Insurance	1,890	8,204	(6,314)
Insurance	684	684	0
IT Software and Consumables	311	236	75
Pensions Costs	12,464	10,558	1,906
Postage, Freight & Courier	7	7	0
Printing & Stationery	10	10	0
Salaries	103,864	87,984	15,880
School support (freelance)	500	0	500
Staff Training	99	99	0
Subscriptions	75	75	0
DBS checks	109	109	0
Technology development (freelance)	40,840	38,840	2,000
Volunteer Training	75	75	0
Communications support	500	500	0
User research incentives	60	0	60
Total Payments	161,748	147,641	14,107
Receipts less payments	59,526	37,873	21,652
Transfers between funds	-	0	0
Cash funds as of 20 March 2020	0	0	0
Cash funds as of 31 August 2021	59,526	37,873	21,652

Other Monetary assets and liabilities

Investments

Energy Sparks had no investment assets during the accounting period.

Liabilities

Energy Sparks had no liabilities at the end of the accounting period.

Assets retained for charity's own use

As of 31 August 2020, the charity had limited physical assets comprising around 500 classroom thermometer cards and <10 appliance monitors.

Notes

1. Accounting period

Energy Sparks started operation in 2017 as a project of Transition Bath (registered charity 1139853), and transitioned to a separate registered charity in March 2020. The normal reporting year is 1 September to 31 August. These accounts cover the part-year to 31 August 2020 and then the full year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021, as requested by the Charity Commission.

2. Receipts and Payments Accounts

The Receipts and Payments Accounts summarise the movements of cash into and out of the charity during the period.

3. Restricted Funds

Restricted Funds are separated from Unrestricted Funds. The Trustees are obliged to spend Restricted Funds only on the particular purposes set out by the donors. As of 31 August 2021, the balance of restricted funds was made up from £36,465 allocated to the OVO Foundation funded work and £1,409 allocated to the Bath and West Community Energy funded Volunteering project.

4. Outstanding Guarantees and Secured Debts

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

5. Reserves Policy

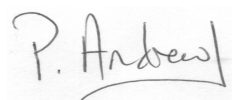
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Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature

Name

Date of approval



Peter Andrews
Chair

18th March 2022



Andrew Houston
Treasurer

18th March 2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Energy Sparks

On accounts for the
period ended

31 August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1189273

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period ended 31/08/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 21 March 2022

Name:

Sheila Parry

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