

Trustees' Annual Report for the year

From 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023



Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Ride Bristol
Registered charity number	1191199
Charity's principal address	12B Flax Bourton Road Failand Bristol BS8 3UW

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	The object of the CIO is: the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in Bristol and the surrounding area by providing opportunities and facilities to participate in off road cycling through the construction and maintenance of safe cycle trails which protect the integrity of the physical and natural environment and encourage responsible cycling.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission

Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any	Trail work repair activity has stepped up a gear in 2023. Dig days have grown in frequency and by the end of the year were taking place on a regular monthly basis. There have been circa six dig days with a typical crew of three Dig Leaders and twelve volunteers at each. Approximately 0.75km of the quarry climb / descent on the Nova trail were repaired and the whole of the 50 Acre loop has been patch
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<p>wider benefits to society as a whole and summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.</p>	<p>repaired. There has also been a one week stand alone project to fully rebuild 0.8km of the Nova trail from Sorcy Ground to Hole in the Wall. This involved a commercial contractor, and three dig days resourced with about 15 Dig Leaders and about 120 public volunteers.</p> <p>Rider community building activity has also stepped up with regular monthly women's rides and with a step up in our communications activity. A couple of fundraising film nights and a bike industry gathering of about twenty organisations has further raised the profile of Ride Bristol in the local mountain bike community.</p> <p>We have continued to foster our relationships with Forestry England and Bristol City Council with regular contact and dialogue. A focus has been to lobby FE regarding the future of the Yer Tiz trail in Leigh Woods.</p> <p>Three Trustees have resigned and three replacements recruited in the year. The trustees are now helped by an evolving informal network of specialist supporters in areas such as management accounts, governance, fundraising, and website tech. The number of Dig Leaders has continued to grow and their expertise developed via training events, experience and social contacts. This group of about fifteen people is now a more cohesive and reliable resource pool to support ongoing trail work activity.</p> <p>The trail network repaired by Ride Bristol is free to access by the public and is frequently used by a range of cyclist from first time to experienced riders</p>
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Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>At the end of the financial period the charity held £14,328 (2022: £12,423) in the bank and made a small surplus of £1,905 for the full year</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>The trustees aim to maintain reserves in unrestricted funds at a level that will allow sufficient funds to be available to respond to charitable activities as they arise.</p>

Amount of reserves held	The balance held as unrestricted funds at the yearend was £14,328
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Ride Bristol is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation established by a constitution dated 8 September 2020. It was registered as a charity on 8 September 2020, charity number 1191199.
How is the charity constituted?	
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	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>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.</p>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Adam Coupland	Treasurer	Appointed 8 September 2020 - Resigned 9 October 2023
2	Tim Knowles	General	Appointed 8 September 2020
3	Oliver Cain		Appointed 8 September 2020 - Resigned 11 December 2023
4	Christopher Leeks	General, Finance & Recruitment	Appointed 8 September 2020
5	Samuel Burrough		Appointed 8 September 2020 - Resigned 17 July 2023
6	James Adamson	Wild Trails	Appointed 19 October 2022
7	Hywel Jones	Wild Trails	Appointed 19 October 2022
8	Henry Easterbrook	Corporate	Appointed 19 October 2022 - Resigned 22 July 2024
9	Jamie Edwards	Communicati ons	Appointed 22nd May 2023
10	Jeremy Wheatcroft	Existing Trails & Finance	Appointed 19th June 2023
11	Joe Sullivan	Existing Trails	Appointed 13th Nov 2023
12	Fionna Wilson (Spotswood)	Community	Appointed 12th Feb 2024

Declarations

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

Jeremy Wheatcroft
Date 9th October 2024



Receipts and Payments

	1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023			1 August 2021 to 31 December 2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations	9,792	-	9,792	16,491	-	16,491
Gift Aid	417	-	417	750	-	750
Other Income	241	-	241	746	-	746
Total Receipts	10,450	-	10,450	17,987	-	17,987
<u>Payments</u>						
Trail Maintenance and Development	8,384	-	8,384	15,838	-	15,838
Banking and Card Fees	113	-	113	145	-	145
Training	-	-	-	300	-	300
Other Expenditure	48	-	48	506	-	506
Total Payments	8,545	-	8,545	16,789	-	16,789
Net Surplus	1,905	-	1,905	1,198	-	1,198
<u>Reconciliation of Funds</u>						
Cash funds brought forward	12,423	-	12,423	11,225	-	11,225
Cash funds carried forward	14,328	-	14,328	12,423	-	12,423



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Receipts and payments accounts for the period

1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	31 December 2023			31 December 2022		
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
<u>Cash funds</u>						
Cash in bank	14,328	-	14,328	12,423	-	12,423
Total cash funds	14,328	-	14,328	12,423	-	12,423

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by

Jeremy Wheatcroft

Date 9th Oct 2024